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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 12/5/61	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/27-30/61
TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI, aka Willie Covelli, Bill Covelli, "Weiser" Covelli, Joe H. Marino, Joe Marines, Joe Marini		REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.	TYPED BY sem&jah
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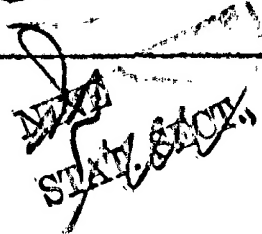
MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT MILWAUKEE, WIS.

1. Will contact informants and logical sources close to the FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI mob in Milwaukee to develop the association with an extent of participation had by Subject WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI with this mob. It being noted COVELLI is alleged holder of 10% interest or "piece" of the craps game run by JOHN CHARLES RIZZO for the BALISTRIERIs at the 56th St. Cigar Store, 2207 56th St., Kenosha, Wis.
2. Will at the State of Wis. District Income Tax Office, Milwaukee, review COVELLI's returns for the years 1958, 1959 and 1960 for background and sources of income.

AT KENOSHA & RACINE, WIS.

1. Will through informants and logical sources develop the current

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activities and associates of Subject COVELLI; the extent of his gambling connections had with JOHN CHARLES RIZZO at Kenosha, with view to determine whether COVELLI is engaged in interstate transportation of gambling or wagering information or paraphernalia in violation of the laws of the United States.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The information referred to in details of this report relating to another investigation conducted, pertained to case titled "JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka, AR", Mifile 92-164, Bufile 92-5012.

A review of the indices of the Milwaukee Office on 11/29/61, revealed the following information relating to Subject COVELLI:

A semi-annual report under the General Investigative Intelligence File of the Milwaukee Office for the period of 11/15/45-4/15/45, under the heading "Individual Racketeers and Mobsters" for the Kenosha area listed among others, the name WILLIAM "RED" COVELLI, operator of Club 42 on Highway 42, Kenosha, Wis., who was born 9/22/1897 at Cozensa, Italy and was naturalized an American citizen. "RED" COVELLI was murdered at the age of 48 years of age on 6/11/45 by persons unknown as he was parked in front of Club 42. A newspaper article as of that date reflecting investigation by the Sheriff's Office, identified "RED" COVELLI as the father of WILLIAM COVELLI and FRED COVELLI and his wife's name as ADELINE COVELLI.

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The semi-annual report of the General Investigative Intelligence File of the Milwaukee Office for the period of 7/15/50-1/15/51, revealed that a confidential informant advised that CHARLES COSENTINO, JEFF COVELLI and BILL COVELLI were arrested in a raid of a book along with one [redacted] and all were also operating, allegedly, a still in the Kenosha area. The still, according to informant, had not been operating since the middle of 11/50, due to possible Grand Jury investigation being made. JEFF and BILL COVELLI were identified as the sons of "RED" COVELLI who was murdered about four years ago. b6 b7C

An investigation made in 9/55 relating to alleged Mafia activities at Kenosha, Wis. revealed that FRED COVELLI, aka Jeff, PD Kenosha, Wis. #3435, has been convicted of armed robbery and at that time operates with his brother, WILLIAM COVELLI, a cigarette vending

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machine business in Kenosha. In addition, CHARLES COSENTINO, FBI #1029634, together with WILLIAM and FRED COVELLI were suspected as operating in a team and committing safe burglaries recently in the Kenosha area and to that end, confidential informant [] furnished information involving these three men allegedly in a \$10,000 burglary in 5/55 at Kenosha, but the PD Kenosha was unable to prove same. b7D

In connection with a General Investigative Intelligence Survey prepared 10/2/56, revealed [] advised WILLIAM COVELLI and his brother JEFF, still operate Cookie's Cigar Store at 2211 56th St., Kenosha, Wis., where pool and craps game operate on a small scale, mainly during weekends. b7D

In case entitled "FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR" Mifile 94-316, the Chicago Office by letter to Milwaukee dated 4/29/60 advised [] on 4/25/60, advised SA O. ARTHUR GRAN regarding poker games held at the Shalimar Restaurant, North Chicago, Ill. on Tuesday nights, nothing additional had been learned. Informant also indicated he was acquainted with FRED COVELLI of 1713 27th St., Kenosha as the latter was then tending bar at Skinny's Tavern, Zion, Ill. and FRED is the brother of WILLIE COVELLI, who formerly operated Kenosha gambling. b7D

On 1/27/61, [] advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. that the only "outside" gambling establishment operated in the city of Kenosha was that operated as the "56th St. cigar store" at 2207 56th St., Kenosha which is nothing more than a room rented from [] who owns the building at that location. A number of Kenosha hoodlums of Italian-American descent loiter there and play cards daily between themselves as a neighborhood hangout, but on two days of the week, as of that time being on Fridays and Sundays, JOHN RIZZO of Racine, Wis., BUSTER BALISTRERE and some others out of Milwaukee, Wis. such as STEVE DI SALVO, operate a "craps game" that attracts a number of businessmen from the Kenosha area with a \$500 pot limit. RIZZO is the "banker" for the BALISTRIERI mob as far as this game is concerned and he and the others get a "cut" from their winnings with FRANK BALISTRIERI paid first. The only "local" Kenosha gambler given any percentage is ELL "WEISER" COVELLI who is given 10% as he originally had this location for many years with his brother GODFREY "JEFF" COVELLI and CHARLES COSENTINO. According to informant JEFF COVELLI is now in a mental institution following his being shot in Lake Cal, Ill. a year or more ago and COSENTINO is on the payroll of the BALISTRIERIS. b6 b7C b7D

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In a report by SA JAMES E. MC ARDLE, Milwaukee, 3/3/61, entitled, "FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR", Mifile 94-316, information was contained therein that Kenosha, Wis. OL 4-9931, according to confidential informant [redacted] Kenosha, Wis. on 2/7/61, was a coin box installation at the "56th St. Cigar Store" 2207 56th St., Kenosha, which was removed by the Wis. Telephone Co. on 1/15/61. There was also a second installation at that address of a business telephone OL 2-9357, which was also disconnected and removed from that location on 1/26/61 and since the latter date there has been no service whatever to that location.

The foregoing information was furnished [redacted] to SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., and [redacted] added that "the 56th St. Cigar Store" at 2207 56th St., Kenosha is a well known old and long-time hang-out of the so called "west side" Kenosha Italian born and descent hoodlums, most of whom have Prohibition Act violations and gambling arrests as their past history. WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI usually is identified as operating this location under a cover of various aliases of JOE MARINES, JOE H. MARINO, JOE MARINI.

On 3/6/61, [redacted] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that [redacted] Jewish gambler in Kenosha, following a holdup of [redacted] Rite Spot gambling craps game in Kenosha about 2/17/61, contacted JOHN CHARLES RIZZO and BILL COVELLI who has an interest in RIZZO's game and accused them of arranging the holdup. Informant added [redacted] RIZZO closed his game to show [redacted] that his crowd had nothing to do with the holdup and to also appease the Kenosha PD. Thereafter, according to informant, RIZZO, BILL COVELLI, & COVELLI's brother met at Gallagher's Restaurant in Milwaukee about Thursday, 3/2/61, with BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO and FRANK and PETER BALISTRIERI regarding the RIZZO's craps game and its operating in the light of the holdup at the Rite Spot Tavern in Kenosha. The identities [redacted] who were arrested for a holdup of the Korchunoff's Tavern in Milwaukee as pulling the holdup at the Rite Spot in Kenosha was discussed together with the identities of their other accomplices who were known to the BALISTRIERIS and were being sought by the BALISTRIERIS for handling possibly to be beaten up and made to return the money taken at the Rite Spot Tavern holdup.

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On 3/31/61, [redacted] a former PCI, of the Milwaukee Office, advised SA [redacted] that she is considered [redacted]

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She stated she [Redacted]
[Redacted] She stated she [Redacted]
[Redacted] is aware of his gambling activities at Kenosha, Wis.
She also stated she is [Redacted]

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On 9/24/61, [Redacted] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that there are three cliques in Milwaukee of Italian hoodlum element and at that time the three cliques seem to be on the "outs" with each other, possibly over dissatisfaction with the leadership of FRANK BALISTRIERI.

Informant stated one clique consists of MIKE ALBANO, JOE GAGLIANO, AUGIE MANIACI, Blackie BROCCA of Milwaukee and HARRY D'ANGELO of West Bend, Wis.

The second clique is headed by FRANK LAW GALBO, but others were not known by the informant.

The third clique is composed of FRANK BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO, JOHNNY RIZZO and BILL COVELLI.

On 1/26/60, [Redacted] advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., that the FRANK BALISTRIERI mob of Milwaukee, Wis. have definitely taken over Kenosha, Wis. insofar as "craps" games are concerned and have squeezed out most of the former "local" craps operators entirely. The BALISTRIERI operation started about one and one-half years ago when a front man, JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, Subject of Mifile 92-164, entitled "JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR" of Racine, Wis. bought out CHARLES COSENTINO [Redacted]

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[Redacted] on [Redacted]

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Informant stated RIZZO eased or bought out the COVELLIs, WILLIE and FRED; and finally forced LOUIS GRECO, Greco's Restaurant, to dispose all but 10%. The other 90% is now entirely held by the BALISTRIERIs with RIZZO acting entirely in that mob's interests.

According to informant, these craps games at the old Greco hangout at the 56th St. Cigar Store, Kenosha are big and frequently have pots of \$5,000 and over, nearly every Friday night and sometime run through on to Sundays.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.
Date: 12/5/61

Office: MILWAUKEE

Field Office File No.: MI 162-49

Bureau File No.:

Title:

WILLIAM COVELLI

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis:

WILLIAM COVELLI, 7827 36th St., Kenosha, Wis., dob 10/5/19, Kenosha, claims employment as partner in the Alpha Realty Co., 2120 63rd St., Kenosha, with one SAM FORGIANNI. Birth records Kenosha Co.. Kenosha reflect only [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] GUGLIELMO COVELLI and CATERINA COSCENTINO, both born Italy. Marriage records reflect WILLIAM COVELLI, born 10/5/19 at Kenosha married to ELEANOR VIRGINIA VENCI, born 6/19/25 at Kenosha on 8/9/46 at Kenosha. Results of credit and criminal checks set forth. Chief of Police STANLEY HAUKE DAHL, PD, Kenosha, on 5/10/61, advised he had contacted Subject WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and one JOHN RIZZO regarding their gambling activities at 2207 56th St., Kenosha in presence [redacted] of the building at that address, in effort to have [redacted] cancel their rental lease at that address which [redacted] refused to do after COVELLI and RIZZO denied their game was anything more than locally owned and operated and denied further that the BALISTRIERI mob of Milwaukee, Wis. had a "piece" of it. Investigation continuing.

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DETAILS:

The basis for this investigation is to ascertain the involvement of WILLIAM (WEISER) COVELLI of Kenosha, Wisconsin, as a gambler and associate of the BALISTRIERI mob of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who are engaged in gambling and operating of a craps game and horse book at the 56th Street Cigar Store, 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, and in which COVELLI is alleged to have a financial interest. The objective is to establish through active investigation COVELLI's involvement, if any, in Interstate Transportation of Wagering Information in violation of the laws of the United States in connection with such gambling activities at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

BACKGROUND

On November 27, 1961, a review was conducted of the Wisconsin Telephone Company Directory for the City of Kenosha, dated June, 1961, in which was contained the following individuals being listed as subscribers:

Mrs. ADELINE COVELLI, 1713 27th Street, OL. 4-2323

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WILLIAM COVELLI, 7827 36th Avenue, OL. 2-1390

SAM FORGIANNI, 6800 23rd Avenue, OL. 2-9291

Forgianni Realty Company, 2120 63rd Street, OL. 4-5520

No listing was had for the Alpha Realty Company, allegedly of 2120 63rd Street, Kenosha.

A review of the City of Kenosha, Alphabetical and Street Guide Directories for 1961, reflected the following entries contained therein:

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FRED COVELLI, bartender, [REDACTED]

WILLIAM COVELLI, Alpha Realty, wife ELEANOR, 7827 36th Avenue

Alpha Realty, 2120 63rd Street, SAM FORGIANNI and WILLIAM COVELLI

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SAM FORGIANNI, Alpha Realty, [REDACTED]
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No listing was had for a Forgianni Realty Company in Kenosha in this directory.

A search of the records of the Register of Deeds Office, Kenosha County, Court House Building, Kenosha, on November 30, 1961, revealed a listing in Volume 15, Page 1748 of a male child, second born and living, named [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] to parents, GUGLIELMO COVELLI of 974 Garden Street, Kenosha, described as white, age 22, born in Italy and employed as a laborer, and to CATERINA COSCENTINO, mother, of 974 Garden Street, Kenosha, described as white, age 23, born in Italy and employed as a housewife, with one LUISA GIORDANO, midwife attending, a resident of 1001 Grand Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin. This was the only recorded birth of a male child by the name [REDACTED]

A review of the marriage records of Kenosha County in possession of the Register of Deeds Office, on November 30, 1961, revealed in Volume 24, Page 1141 marriage on August 9, 1946 at the Holy Rosay Church by Reverend F. A. BROSSLER, Kenosha, of WILLIAM COVELLI, 1020 62nd Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, described as born October 5, 1919, at Kenosha, age 26, white male, no previous marriage, and child of WILLIAM COVELLI, father, and ADELIN COSENTINO, mother. The bride identified in this marriage was ELEANOR VIRGINIA VENCI of 2011 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, described as born June 19, 1925, at Kenosha, age 21, single with no previous marriage record, and parents as being ANTHONY VENCI and ANGELINE PRINCIPE. Witnesses to the marriage were [REDACTED] no addresses or relationship indicated.

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CREDIT

[REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Kenosha, Kenosha, on November 30, 1961, advised that the files of that office revealed that WILLIAM and ELEANOR COVELLI, by report dated October 10, 1956, resided at 1713 27th Street, Kenosha, and at that time Mr. COVELLI was 36 years of age and employed at the J & W Vending Company, as owner, for five years with income of approximately \$10,000 a year and with a net worth established at approximately \$50,000. ELEANOR COVELLI, as of October, 1956, was employed as an office clerk, handling tabulating machine at Simmons Company for four months. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] married and had one dependent and as of October, 1956, was residing with his parents but expected to move [REDACTED] within a month,

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as he was buying that residence and was dealing with the Kenosha First National Bank in that regard.

[redacted] stated that COVELLI has been in file since 1945 with no adverse information contained therein. File cards reflect the information that Mr. COVELLI was born October 5, 1919, at Kenosha, Wisconsin, and as of June 18, 1958, was self-employed in a chemical business, earning \$150.00 a week. Wife's maiden name was indicated as being ELEANOR VENCI, who, as of October, 1944, was employed at Nash and then resided at 2011 56th Street, Kenosha. Old information on these cards for Mr. COVELLI showed addresses of 1020 62nd Street; Route 4, Box 133, with no dates given for either. Employments for the past were identified as January 15, 1949, Wonder Pop Corn; October 1, 1948, Quaker Stretcher Company; June 9, 1954, Vending Machines, self-employed. Mrs. COVELLI, in 1958, indicated being at Montgomery Ward Company Store for four years. Mortgage data relating to the property believed at 7827 36th Avenue, Kenosha, described as Elmwood Manor, Lot Number 3, Kenosha, identified a first mortgage in the amount of \$9,000, dated November 7, 1956, in favor of the Mutual Trust Life Insurance Company and a second mortgage dated November 8, 1956, for \$2,000, in favor

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[redacted] stated that a search of the records of the Credit Bureau of Kenosha failed to reflect any information whatever relating to the Alpha Realty Company at 2120 63rd Street, Kenosha.

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[redacted] advised that file information relating to SAM FORGIANNI [redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin, revealed record had [redacted] since 1937, listing SAM FORGIANNI as being born April 22, 1915, married and with two children as of June, 1957, at which time Mr. FORGIANNI was employed by the U.S. Navy Civil Service Division at Great Lakes, in Illinois for six years, as an inspector at \$350.00 a month. FORGIANNI was also noted as having owned his home and residing at 6800 23rd Avenue, Kenosha for 15 years as of June, 1957. No derogatory information whatever was contained in file either as to character or credit standing. Information in the indices relating to FORGIANNI revealed that he had prior residences of 6638 18th Avenue, Kenosha, as of June, 1938; and as of October, 1943, was at 6802 23rd Avenue, Kenosha. Previous employment was listed as October 28, 1943 at Lakeshore Machine Shop as a drill press operator for 12 months; December 1, 1945 at Frost Company, Kenosha, as a tool maker since June 1, 1945;

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October, 1946 at Conley Beer Depot as a partner [redacted] since January, 1946; and as of October 10, 1949 at the Midwest Venetian Blind Company, 2517 50th Street, Kenosha as a partner since April, 1949, [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that WILLIAM COVELLI's mother is ADELINE COSENTINO COVELLI. She is a sister of SAM FORGIANNI's mother and they are both also sisters of Mrs. JOHN CONLEY, whose maiden name was JULIA COSENTINO and Mrs. CONLEY currently resides at 5500 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, which address is located one block from the 56th Street Cigar Store, located at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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[redacted] Records and Identification Center, Sheriff's Office, Kenosha County, Court House Building, on November 30, 1961, advised a search of the indices and records of that office failed to reflect any information whatever relating to a WILLIAM COVELLI, born October 5, 1919, at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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Records of the Milwaukee Office, when searched on November 29, 1961, revealed a fingerprint history, furnished by the Identification Division of the FBI, dated November 7, 1941, relating to a WILLIAM COVELLI under FBI Number 459040, which contained the following data:

Police Department of Kenosha, Wisconsin, Number 1367 for WILLIAM COVELLI, dated August 31, 1932, on charge of murder; disposition, turned over to Sheriff's Office, Portage, Wisconsin.

Police Department of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Number 23390 for WILLIAM COVELLI, dated September 1, 1932, on charge of fugitive - murder; disposition, turned over to Sheriff, Portage, Wisconsin, September 1, 1932.

United States Marshall, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Number 1497 for WILLIAM COVELLI, dated October 31, 1941, on charge of violation of Internal Revenue laws; disposition, released on bond.

[redacted] Records Identification Office, Police Department, Kenosha, Wisconsin, on November 30, 1961, advised a search of the indices and records of that department failed to reflect any information whatever relating to a

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WILLIAM COVELLI, born October 5, 1919, at Kenosha, Wisconsin. [redacted] stated that Police Department record number 1367 was destroyed and while no facts were present to substantiate it, it appeared that FBI Number 459040, in the name of WILLIAM COVELLI under Police Department Number 1367, pertaining to a charge of murder, on or about August 31, 1932, applied to one RED COVELLI, who was the father of WILLIAM COVELLI, and FRED COVELLI, and RED was murdered on June 11, 1945, in gangland style just outside the city of Kenosha on Highway 42.

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[redacted] General Indices Section, Police Department of Kenosha, on November 30, 1961, advised a search of the records of that office revealed that WILLIAM COVELLI, age 33, in 1952, with date of birth as being October 5, 1919, at Kenosha, possessed the following arrest history:

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April 25, 1947, parked in alley, forfeit \$2 bond

September 23, 1948, parked in prohibited area, forfeit \$2 bond

September 12, 1949, operating car with expired license, forfeit \$10 bond

December 23, 1949, accident

May 20, 1953, accident

January 30, 1955, accident

October 29, 1955, accident

April 4, 1957, speeding, forfeit \$15 bond

December 3, 1957, made complaint of stolen car

December 3, 1957, left keys in car, forfeit \$5 bond

May 4, 1959, left keys in car, forfeit \$5 bond

[redacted] stated that the indices relating to WILLIAM COVELLI revealed that he resided at 7827 36th Avenue; 2207 56th Street; Route 4, Box 133; and 1020 62nd Street, all Kenosha, Wisconsin, no dates indicated for the residences.

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[redacted] stated that a search of the indices relating to ELEANOR VENCI COVELLI, wife of WILLIAM COVELLI, was conducted with negative results for any information in file.

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MISCELLANEOUS

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. in connection with another matter at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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A review of the City of Kenosha Telephone Directory for August, 1960, revealed that OLympic 4-5036 was listed to JOHN CONLEY, 3500 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin, on March 7, 1961.

[redacted] Police Department of Kenosha, on March 7, 1961, advised that a search of the records of that department revealed the following data relating to JOHN CONLEY, 5314 25th Avenue, Kenosha, and formerly of Route 4, Box 174, Kenosha, described as of September 17, 1950, as:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	55
Employed	Operator of Eddie Beer Depot

September 17, 1950, motor vehicle accident

September 1, 1956, reported complaint of malicious destruction of his car

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Kenosha, on May 10, 1961, advised the records of that concern reflect that a JOHN and JULIA CONLEY, 5314 25th Avenue, Kenosha, have been known since prior to October, 1940, with Mr. CONLEY's birth date listed as February 16, 1896. JOHN CONLEY formerly was a partner at the Ruffalo Decorating Company for two years and possessed the following previous residence addresses:

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Route 4, Box 378F, in October, 1940

Route 4, Box 641, in August, 1942

Green Pastures Riding Stable, Wood Road, date unknown

Route 4, Box 188, in August, 1952

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2308 52nd Street, Kenosha, date unknown

[redacted] added that as of December 10, 1956, Mr. CONLEY listed a wife and one dependent child, and as of October 8, 1956, listed only his wife, JULIA, as dependent, with employment then noted as a painter. The CONLEYS were not general seekers of credit and, accordingly, little information was had as to their backgrounds. [redacted] stated that in a report made April 20, 1960, to the Credit Bureau of Milwaukee, Mrs. JOHN CONLEY was referred to as a widow and residing at 5500 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, being then over 60 years of age. Nothing derogatory was known regarding either JOHN or JULIA CONLEY. JOHN CONLEY, 5500 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, died of a heart attack on March 6, 1959, at age of 63 at Kenosha, Wisconsin. His parents were identified as ANTONIO and MAGGIE CONTI.

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[redacted] further stated that JULIA CONLEY is a sister to the mother of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI, 7827 36th Avenue, Kenosha. "WEISER" COVELLI is a well known gambler in the Kenosha area. JULIA CONLEY [redacted] who, according the records of the credit bureau, had married one [redacted] at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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It is to be noted in regards to the address of Mrs. JULIA CONLEY at 5500 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, that this is but one block from the 56th Street Cigar Store location at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, and therefore possibly is being used by WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI in making various telephone calls.

A review of the Milwaukee files also reveal that in connection with another investigation conducted by SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. at Kenosha, the following pertinent information was reflected:

Chief STANLEY HAUKEHAHL, Police Department, City of Kenosha, on May 10, 1961, advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. that he had contacted [redacted] the Gerolmo Tavern, and GEROLMO Retail Liquor Store, as well as the building in which the "56th Street Cigar Store" at 2207 56th Street,

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Kenosha, is located, on May 4, 1961, and requested [redacted] to consider cancelling his lease with WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO for rental of that store space at \$75.00 per month. [redacted] informed HAUKE DAHL that before making any decision, he preferred to wait until he had the opportunity to first hear COVELLI's and RIZZO's side of the story as to the gambling setup run by them at this location.

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Chief HAUKE DAHL said he accordingly contacted WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO in [redacted] presence on May 5, 1961, at which time both COVELLI and RIZZO denied emphatically that their gambling game, held at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, was anything more than locally operated and was considered a "peanut" operation with RIZZO having but \$1,000 available to back it up.

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RIZZO also denied that anyone else other than WILLIAM COVELLI, had any "cut" in the game and said BUSTER BALESTRERE had been brought down from Milwaukee, Wisconsin a couple of times, solely because he was hard up and they gave him \$15 a night to help out in the operation. According to Chief HAUKE DAHL, RIZZO stated petty gambling has been conducted by him at this location for nearly 14 years and it was never meant to be shared with any outside gamblers and the rumors that FRANK BALISTRERI of Milwaukee, had an interest or "piece" of the game were completely untrue. RIZZO also denied knowing the identity of the man that held him up at his home on April 15, 1961, and also denied that he had informed the Racine Sheriff's Office investigators that he was running a craps game at Kenosha on Friday and Sunday nights.

Chief HAUKE DAHL added that WILLIAM COVELLI backed up RIZZO's telling of the story and as a result of their combined remarks, [redacted] informed Chief HAUKE DAHL that he, [redacted] could not and would not force them out of their rent agreement with him, inasmuch as he was inclined to believe it was entirely a local game being operated.

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Chief HAUKE DAHL said he informed both COVELLI and RIZZO that their continued operation in the City of Kenosha was intolerable to him and his department and they could expect the logical consequences of prosecution should they choose to continue their operations in the city.

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 1/30/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/7/61 - 1/15/62
TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI, aka Willie Covelli, Bill Covelli, "Weiser" Covelli, Joe H. Marino, Joe Marines, Joe Marhi		REPORT MADE BY SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.	TYPED BY EL
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE GAMING ACTIVITY	

REFERENCE

Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR., dated Dec. 5, 1961 at Milwaukee.

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LEADSCHICAGO DIVISION:

At Chicago, Illinois:

- Will identify subscribers of Chicago telephone numbers AN 3-4966 contacted July 28, 1961; GR 2-6329 contacted 7/28/61; and DA 6-6100 contacted 9/11, 12/61, all from Subject's residence telephone, Olympic 2-1390 located at 7827 - 36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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2. Will ascertain background, reputation of subscribers and attempt to resolve whether connected with criminal activities in that area.

At Waukegan, Illinois:

Will similarly identify subscriber of telephone Delta 6-4089, contacted 9/15, 10/31, and 11/10/61 from subject's residence phone at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

2. Will also identify subscribers of telephones numbers ON 2-6528 contacted 9/10/61; ON 2-2794 contacted 8/11/61; and CH 4-1775 contacted on 7/21/61 and 8/2/61.

MILWAUKEE DIVISION:

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Will as requested of the Chicago Division at Chicago, Illinois above, similarly identify following subscribers contacted from Subject COVELLI's residence on dates indicated below:

[redacted]
on 7/28/61 (two)

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[redacted] on 9/6, 15/61.

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At Racine and Kenosha, Wisconsin:

Will continue to develop the current activities and associates of Subject COVELLI and determine whether COVELLI is engaged in interstate transportation of gambling or wagering information or paraphernalia in violation of the laws of the United States.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The information regarding telephone toll calls obtained from [redacted] on 12/7, 8/61 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin was handled by SA (A) ALBERT G. MACDONALD relating to the residence telephone of WILLIAM COVELLI, 7827 - 36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wis.

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telephone number Olympic 2-1390.

[] also advised that Milwaukee, Wisconsin telephone number BR 3-7834 has "no listing" or was incorrectly recorded. Also that Milwaukee telephone number HU 1-1777 is not a present working line.

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It is to be noted also that Milwaukee telephone number GR 6-1756 contacted 10/17/61 from Subject's residence is listed to JOSEPH PISCIONE, 435 North Story Parkway, who is Subject of Milwaukee case entitled "JOSEPH PISCIONE, ITWI," MIfile 165-11.

Further, Racine, Wisconsin telephone number Melrose 2-8753 contacted on numerous occasions from July 22 through October 17, 1961 from Subject's home telephone, is listed to JOHN C. RIZZO, 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine, who is subject of Milwaukee case entitled "JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka, AR" Milwaukee file 92-164, BUFILE 92-5012.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.
Date: January 30, 1962

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File No.: 162-49

Bureau File No.:

Title: WILLIAM COVELLI

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis: Results of telephone toll calls charged to Subject COVELLI at 7827 - 36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wis. set forth. MI confidential informant advises COVELLI has a ten per cent interest in JOHNNY RIZZO's gambling games in Kenosha and generally pays out money won and is in charge in RIZZO's absence. Informant also alleged COVELLI operates a "book" on horses and sporting events and that the Kenosha Police Department is paid off and this pay-off amounted to \$500 a month up to a short time ago. Gambling at RIZZO's is operated on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons, and COVELLI is always there then.

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DETAILS:

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:

Date December 19, 1961

The record of [REDACTED]

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On 12/7/61 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 162-49
by SA ALBERT G. MAC DONALD/ams Date dictated 12/13/61

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On December 8, 1961 Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 162-49by SA(A) ALBERT G. MACDONALD/sem Date dictated December 14, 1961

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On December 16, 1962 MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that WILLIAM COVELLI, whose nickname is "WEISER," of Kenosha, Wisconsin, has maintained a ten per cent interest in JOHNNY RIZZO's gambling games in Kenosha. He said that RIZZO is older, not in too good health, that COVELLI generally pays out the money won and is in charge of the operation at RIZZO's when the latter is not there. Informant advised that COVELLI pays the dealers and that after each gambling operation he and RIZZO check the proceeds. Informant also advised that COVELLI operates a "book" on horses and sporting events and recalled that in about 1949 COVELLI and his brother, JEFF, operated a liquor still on a farm located in the county, which was between Racine and Kenosha in the eastern part of the county. Informant said that RIZZO's poker game now has a \$500 pot limit and that the craps game now has a \$100 pot limit.

In regard to the "cuts" on the profits of the game, informant explained that the Kenosha Police Department is paid off first and that up to a short time ago this pay-off amounted to \$500 a month. The expense of help and operating expenses are then deducted from the money taken in.

MI T-2 added that LOUIS GRECO has a guarantee of fifty dollars a week or five per cent, whichever is the largest. The rest of the profit from the games is split between BILL COVELLI, JOHNNY RIZZO and FRANK BALISTRERI. Informant said that FRANK BALISTRERI may get a bigger percentage out of the profits than the other boys but he does not believe it is more than ten per cent more.

MI T-2 stated that BILL COVELLI is always there when the game is operated at RIZZO's on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons and that BUSTER BALESTRERE has not been going to the game lately in Kenosha due to the "heat" put on it by Federal authorities and the local Sheriff's Office.

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MI T-2 also said that when the game is run, only one of three men are ever allowed to sit in the "box" at the game, and these are JOHNNY RIZZO, BILL COVELLI, and BUSTER BALESTRERE. Informant explained that the "box" is a place where one individual sits and supervises the craps game and from where he can watch both tables going and this individual then pays off on winnings and sees to it that the ones who lose to the house pay in the correct amount of money.

AT RACINE, WISCONSIN:

The Racine, Wisconsin telephone directory reviewed on January 10, 1962 revealed the following telephone numbers as being listed therein as follows:

Melrose 3-9611 - listed to STANLEY WOJSZKO
1741 North Franklin Street, Racine

Melrose 2-4477 - listed to BAUMBLATT and
GOODMAN, Attorneys, 429 Main Street,
Racine

Melrose 2-8753 - listed to JOHN C. RIZZO
1906 Emmertson Road, Racine

Melrose 2-5109 - listed to the Elks Club,
601 Lake Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin

Melrose 4-3839 - listed to DOMENICK N.
POSTORINO, Attorney at Law, residing at
1120 Hagerer Street, Racine, which
number is his residence phone and also
has his law offices at 429 Main Street,
Racine, Wis., office telephone number
Melrose 2-4477

Melrose 3-9866 - listed to A. SHEFT,
2413 Erie Street, Racine

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CREDIT AND BACKGROUND

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Racine on January 15, 1962 advised that the records of that office revealed that a STANLEY WOJSZKO, age 62 in 1956 resided at 1741 North Franklin Street, Racine and was married to VICTORIA and has been employed by the J. I. Case Company Racine, since January 16, 1939 with possibly a short term employment at Modine Manufacturing Company at Racine as of December 7, 1953. Nothing of a derogatory nature relating to character or background was contained in the credit bureau file as to either STANLEY or VICTORIA WOJSZKO.

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[redacted] also stated that the credit files of that concern revealed that A. SHEFT of 2413 Erie Street, Racine, related to an ABRAHAM SHEFT; age 73 in 1956 who is also known as ABE SEFT, who died May 2, 1958 leaving wife SARAH as widow. SHEFT owned the Highlander Tavern for eight years as of April, 1954 and also operated the SEFT Coal Company for twenty years and is reported to have had four sons. Nothing of a derogatory nature was contained in the file relating to SHEFT as to either character or credit.

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Review of the 1961 city of Racine directory in the alphabetical listings revealed that [redacted] married [redacted] resided at [redacted] Racine, and was a machinist at the Walker Manufacturing Company; in addition there was a DAVID SHEFT residing at 2413 Erie Street, Racine and identified as operator of the Odds and Ends Club, Racine; and [redacted] married [redacted] and residing at [redacted] Racine, being employed as a timekeeper by the Young Radiator Company, Racine. The only other SHEFT contained in the alphabetical listing was that of SARAH SHEFT, widow of ABRAHAM, residing at 2413 Erie Street, Racine.

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A review of the alphabetical listings in the 1961 Racine city directory under the spelling [redacted] revealed the following listings:

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The Seft, L. Coal Company, located at 1270
Mound Avenue, operated [REDACTED]



[REDACTED] employed by the L.
Seft Coal Company; Central Engineering
Company and [REDACTED] the United Fuel
and Supply Company, resides at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Racine.

[REDACTED] employed by the L. Seft
Coal Company, residing at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Racine, Wisconsin.

[REDACTED] further advised that the files of that
concern also reflected that DOMENICK N. POSTORINO
residing at 1120 Hagerer Street and a practicing
attorney with offices located at 429 Main Street,
Racine, was age 43 in 1956 and was married in 1941

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They have three children by this union. POSTORINO
graduated from Marquette University School of Law
in 1937 and was admitted to the practice of law on
June 28, 1937 at Racine. As of August, 1949,
POSTORINO in addition to his law practice also was
employed as office manager for 1½ years for the
Racine Washed Sand and Gravel Company. As of
February, 1953, his income was estimated at approxi-
mately \$10,000. POSTORINO has been known to the
credit bureau since 1937 and nothing of a derogatory
nature relating to character or credit has been
received relating to him by that concern.

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The Identification Division of the FBI on December 8, 1961 made available the following fingerprint history relating to a WILLIAM COVELLI under FBI No. 459 040:

<u>Contributor of Prints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
PD, Kenosha, Wis.	William Covelli No. 1367	8/31/32	Murder	TOT Sheriff at Portage, Wis.
PD, Milwaukee, Wis.	William Covelli No. 23390	9/1/32	Fugitive Murder	TOT Sheriff, Portage, Wis. 9/1/32
USM, Milwau- kee, Wis.	William Covelli No. 1497	10/31/41	vio. Int. Rev. laws	On bond
ATU, Chicago, Ill.	William Covelli No. 5345-M	11/1/41	vio. Int. Rev. laws	2/24/42 disch.

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin:

[REDACTED] Records Section, Police Department,
City of Kenosha, on December 14, 1961 advised the foregoing
fingerprint history related to WILLIAM "RED" COVELLI,
father of the Subject, who was murdered June 11, 1945 on
Highway 42 in Kenosha County, Wisconsin.

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CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

MI T-2 is a Milwaukee hoodlum who is closely associated with gamblers and other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area, those particularly in the Italian-American element, and he is aware of their current illegal activities. He has furnished reliable information in the past.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
January 30, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. MI 162-49

Title WILLIAM COVELLI

Character INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Reference Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS,
JR. dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 3/30/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/9/62 - 3/21/62
TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.	TYPED BY el
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITY	

REFERENCE

Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR., Milwaukee 1/30/62.

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ENCLOSURES

TO THE BUREAU: There are being enclosed herewith an original and one copy of a letterhead memorandum reflecting the characterizations of informants utilized in this report.

LEADSCHICAGO DIVISION:

At Chicago, Illinois:

- Will identify subscribers of Chicago telephone numbers SU 7-0260 contacted on 9/30/61 and FR 2-7872 contacted

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on 8/31/61 from residence of subject's aunt, Mrs. JOHN CONLEY, 5500 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin, which address is located one block from COVELLI's gambling site at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha.

2. Will conduct necessary credit and criminal checks on about subscribers and attempt to determine from logical sources if either of these subscribers have hoodlum connections or are, in fact, hoodlums themselves.

At Waukegan, Illinois:

1. Will similarly as for Chicago, Ill., above, identify and handle subscriber to telephone CH 4-1775, contacted on 8/19 and 26, 1961 from residence of Mrs. JOHN CONLEY, 5500 22nd Avenue, Kenosha.

MILWAUKEE DIVISION:

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

1. Will as set forth for Chicago, Ill., above, identify subscribers to telephones [redacted] contacted 9/25/61; BR 3-7834 contacted 8/3, 5, 6, 13/61, it being noted [redacted] in December, 1961 stated this number has "no listing" or was incorrectly recorded in connection with check on subject's personal telephone listings; and, FL 2-6465 (FRANK L. SANSONE) contacted 9/25 and 10/3, 1961.

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At Racine, Wisconsin:

Will, as requested at Chicago, Ill., above, identify DAVID SHEFT, 2413 Erie St., contacted 9/26/61; and STANLEY WOJSZKO, 1741 Franklin St., contacted on numerous occasions in August and September, 1961 from residence of Mrs. JOHN CONLEY, 5500 22nd Avenue, Kenosha.

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN:

Will continue to develop the current activities and associates of subject COVELLI in effort to ascertain whether he is engaged in interstate gambling in violation of the laws of the United States.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The period of this report is extended to include investigation conducted at Milwaukee, Wisconsin on January 9, 1962, which was not available for assimilation into referenced report at time of dictation.

The information regarding the telephone toll calls set forth in this report and charged to Kenosha, Wisconsin Olympic 4-5036 listed to Mrs. JOHN CONLEY at 5500 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, was furnished on 1/9/62 [redacted] at Milwaukee, Wis., to SA(A) ALBERT G. MACDONALD.

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It is to be noted that Milwaukee telephone number GR 6-1756 contacted on numerous occasions in August, September and October, 1961 is listed to JOSEPH PISCIONE, 435 N. Story Parkway, who is subject of Milwaukee case entitled "JOSEPH PISCIONE, ITWI, Milwaukee file 165-11." Further, Racine telephone number ME1rose 2-8753 contacted on numerous occasions from August 17 through October 1, 1961 from the residence of Mrs. JOHN CONLEY at 5500 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, is listed to JOHN C. RIZZO, 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine, who is subject of Milwaukee case entitled "JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AKA, AR," Milwaukee file 92-164, BUfile 92-5012. A review of Milwaukee Office indices was conducted by SA(A) [redacted] on 2/15/62 relative to the identity [redacted] Milwaukee, at which time it could not be determine if this individual is identical with subject of the following file:

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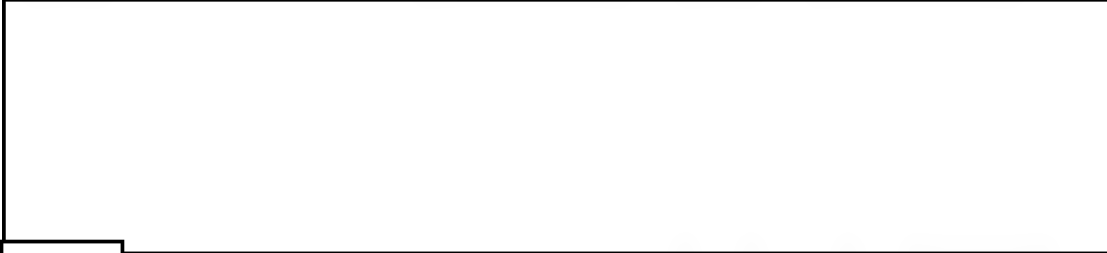
[redacted] Post Office Department, Madison, Wisconsin, Loyalty of Government Employee, was the subject of Milwaukee file 121-769. Report of SA MARTIN L. CROAK at Milwaukee, April 22, 1950 showed the applicant was

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born [redacted] at Cosonza, Italy. Applicant's



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[redacted] A review of U. S. Army records show no immediate relatives as a WILLIAM COVELLI. No credit or criminal records were located at either Madison or Kenosha, Wis.,



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<u>Source</u>	<u>Location</u>
MI T-1 is [redacted]	Instant report
MI T-2 is [redacted]	MI 162-49-10
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee (RM)

Report of: SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.
Date: March 30, 1962

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File No.: 162-49

Bureau File No.: 162-777

Title: WILLIAM COVELLI

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis: Results of telephone toll calls charged to Mrs. JOHN CONLEY, 5500 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, Wis. set forth. Mrs. CONLEY is a maternal aunt of subject COVELLI, whose residence is located one block from 2207 56th Street, Kenosha gambling site. MI T-2 advises COVELLI on night of 2/6/62 brought envelope which contained a large quantity of money to STEVE DI SALVO in Milwaukee, Wis. 1958 and 1959 Wis. Income Tax data on COVELLI and wife, ELEANOR, obtained. Milwaukee informants advise gambling site at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, Wis., run by JOHN CHARLES RIZZO is regularly attended by COVELLI and gambling is conducted there on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

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DETAILS:

At Kenosha, Wisconsin:

Previous investigation conducted in this matter developed the background information that a Mrs. JOHN CONLEY, nee JULIA COSENTINO, residing at 5500 22nd Avenue, Kenosha is the maternal aunt of Subject WILLIAM COVELLI. Mrs. CONLEY's

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residence is located one block from the 56th Street Cigar Store, located at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, where JOHN CHARLES RIZZO of Racine, Wisconsin conducts gambling, consisting principally of craps and cards.

Date January 19, 1962

The [REDACTED]

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may be obtained by issuance of a subpoena duces tecum
directed to [REDACTED]
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On 1/9/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MT 162-49
by SA(A) ALBERT G. MACDONALD/sem Date dictated 1/15/62

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:

On February 8, 1962 MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that on the night of February 6, 1962 WILLIAM COVELLI, of Kenosha, who handles the gambling game there with JOHN RIZZO, brought an envelope to ~~STEVE DI SALVO~~, which contained a large quantity of money and was evidently part of the winnings from the craps and blackjack games operated at RIZZO's in Kenosha, and which BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO, and FRANK BALISTRERI are supposed to have an interest.

On February 19, 1962 MI T-2 advised that the following individuals from Milwaukee go to JOHNNY RIZZO's gambling game at Kenosha, Wisconsin regularly on Friday nights or Saturday afternoons:



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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA (A) [redacted]
[redacted] on February 15, 1962:

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The files of the Credit Bureau of Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
reflect no records identifiable with either [redacted]
[redacted]

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The Milwaukee Street Directory for 1961 verified the above
address on the two above mentioned individuals. A check of
the current Milwaukee City Directory reflects no listing
with the above individuals.

[redacted] Bureau of Identification,
Milwaukee PD, advised that she could locate no records
identifiable [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN at Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 20, 1962.

[redacted] Records Section, Wisconsin State Department of Taxation, made available State of Wisconsin income tax return forms for the Subject for the years 1958 and 1959 and advised that, although he had filed a 1960 return, it could not be located. [redacted] will advise this Office if and when the 1960 return is found. She pointed out that COVELLI's returns are being audited by the Department of Taxation and that [redacted] a state taxation auditor is running a net-worth investigation on COVELLI.

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The following information was obtained as a result of perusal of returns for 1958 and 1959:

In 1958 COVELLI and his wife, ELEANOR, filed individual returns and he showed the following sources of income:

\$15,482.04, gain on sale, J. W. Vending Company (sale price, \$20,000)

320.63 net profit, J. W. Vending Company

\$15,802.67 Total

\$823.20, Deduction

\$778.12, Tax paid.

Deductions included interest payments [redacted] \$473.06
and [redacted] \$102.50.

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ELEANOR COVELLI's individual return for 1958 showed income of \$3,035.91 from the Simmons Company on which she paid a tax of \$26.86.

In 1959 COVELLI and his wife filed a joint return showing their address as 7827 36th Avenue, Kenosha; his occupation as janitor and hers as clerk. Income listed in taxes paid was as follows:

\$3,207.91, her income Simmons Company.

\$2,000, his income, janitorial services (not further identified)

\$28.12, her tax paid.

\$25.62, his tax paid.

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On March 12, 1962 MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHNNY RIZZO is operating his craps and blackjack games in Kenosha, Wisconsin regularly on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and that these games run well into four and five AM on Monday mornings. RIZZO opens his place between six and seven PM on Sunday evenings and later than that on Friday evenings. Some of the Milwaukee gamblers who go to Kenosha for RIZZO's games meet at the "Talk of the Town" Tavern, 500 block Wells Street, usually some time between 8:30 PM and 10 PM on Fridays and Saturday evenings and any time after seven PM on Sundays to go together to Kenosha. A gambler by the name [redacted] goes on Sundays and on occasion on a Friday and Saturday, and that a gambler by the name [redacted] usually goes down on Friday nights.

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN:

On March 21, 1962 MI T-1 advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO is now operating his craps and card games at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, known as the 56th Street Cigar Store, regularly on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. CHARLES COSENTINO and WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI are always present at these games. Informant advised, he doubted, however, whether COVELLI has any real authority, but COSENTINO would be the one used by RIZZO to maintain order and probably be the one to admit recognized gamblers at the front door entrance to that gambling site.

AT RACINE, WISCONSIN:

On March 21, 1962 a review was conducted of the Racine, Wisconsin telephone directories and city of Racine alphabetical street guide directories, which review revealed the following telephone numbers as being listed therein as follows:

- John C. Rizzo*
Melrose 2-8753 - Listed to *John C. Rizzo*, 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine, Wis.
John Charles Rizzo
Melrose 4-3839 - Listed to DOMENICK N. POSTORINO, lawyer, 423 Arcade Building, 439 Main Street, office telephone number Melrose 2-4477; residence 1120 Hagerer Street, Racine, telephone Melrose 4-3839

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Melrose 2-4477 - Listed to LEONARD P. BAUMBLATT
and ROBERT P. GOODMAN, Attorneys
at Law, 401 Arcade Building, 429
South Main Street, Racine

Melrose 3-9866 Listed to DAVID SHEFT, 2413 Erie
Street, telephone number ME 3-9866
operator of Odds and Ends Club,
1210 State Street, telephone
Melrose 4-9891, Racine.

Melrose 3-9611 Listed to STANLEY WOJSZKO, 1741
Franklin Street, telephone number
Melrose 3-9611, married to VICTORIA
AND EMPLOYED as factory worker at
J. I. Case Company; a WALTER
WOJSZKO is also listed as residing
at this address with no employment
shown.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

March 30, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to

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Title WILLIAM COVELLI

Character INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Reference Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.
dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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WILLIAM COVELLI
INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

MI T-1 is a source closely acquainted with the various members of the gambling element in Kenosha, Wisconsin for many years.

MI T-2 is a Milwaukee hoodlum who is closely associated with gamblers and other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area, particularly so with those in the Italian-American element, and is aware of their current illegal activities.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 6/19/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/9/62 - 6/15/62
TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI, aka Willie Covelli, Bill Covelli, "Weiser" Covelli, Joe H. Marino, Joe Marines, Joe Marini		REPORT MADE BY SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.	TYPED BY eak
		CHARACTER OF CASE IGA	

REFERENCE

Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., 3/30/62, Milwaukee.
Chicago letter to Milwaukee 3/29/62 (IO).
Milwaukee letter to Chicago 5/29/62 (IO).

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LEADS

CHICAGO

At Chicago, Ill.


(1) Will identify subscriber of Chicago telephone number IN 7-2900 contacted 1/17/62 from residence

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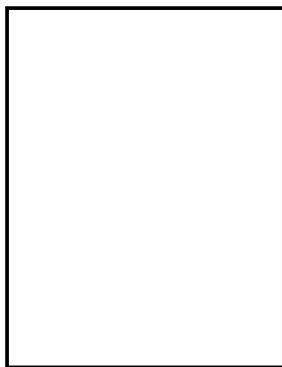
 Kenosha, Wis.

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(2) Will conduct necessary credit and criminal checks and contact logical sources and informants to determine whether subscriber has hoodlum connections or is, in fact, a hoodlum as well.

At Waukegan, Ill.

Will similarly, as set forth above at Chicago, identify the following subscribers of telephone numbers:



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At Zion, Ill.


Will similarly, as set forth above, identify the following subscribers of telephone numbers:

TR 2-4035


TAMPA

At Tampa, Fla.

(1) Will similarly, as set forth above at Chicago, identify the following subscribers of telephone numbers:

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 contacted 1/21/62

Tampa 255-8491 (Little Gem Store, Cess and Albany) contacted 1/19, 21/62

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MILWAUKEE

At Milwaukee, Wis.

(1) Will at the Schroeder Hotel identify occupant of room 707 on dates of 2/5,6/62 and conduct logical investigation to ascertain background and reputation and whether known to be hoodlum or connected with hoodlum element in Milwaukee.

At Kenosha, Wis.

Will continue to develop current activities and associates of Subject in an effort to ascertain whether he is engaged in interstate gambling in violation of the laws of the US.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Period of this report is extended to include investigation conducted in March, 1962, results of which were not available for inclusion in rerep.

Information regarding telephone toll calls set forth in this report and charged to Kenosha, Wis.

[redacted]
[redacted] was furnished on 3/9/62 to SA (A) ALBERT G. MACDONALD [redacted]

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Information regarding identity of telephone number [redacted] listed [redacted] at Chicago, Ill., was furnished on 3/26/62 [redacted]
[redacted] Security Department, Illinois Bell Telephone Co., Chicago, to IC [redacted]

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It is to be noted Milwaukee, Wis. telephone number FL 2-6465 is listed to FRANK L. SANSONE, 8676 W. Manor Court, Milwaukee, who is subject of Milwaukee case entitled, "FRANK SANSONE, aka, ITWI," MI file 165-13.

INFORMANTS

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Source

T-1 is

T-2 is

T-3 is

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Report of:
Date:SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. Office: MILWAUKEE
6/19/62

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File # 162-777

Title:

WILLIAM COVELLI

Character:

INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis:

Results of telephone toll calls charged [redacted]
[redacted] Wis., [redacted]
[redacted] Subject, obtained. Identities of
several previous telephone contacts, together with
their backgrounds, set forth. MI T-2 advises
Subject supervises collections and payoffs at
RIZZO's craps game at Kenosha, Wis. on week-end
nights. MI T-4 advised that on Sunday night,
4/8/62, Subject was at table in RIZZO's place running
a craps game with about twenty men in the game,
and there must have been \$10,000 on the table in
front of Subject.

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DETAILS: AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date March 21, 1962

The [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] may be obtained by issuance of a subpoena
duces tecum issued [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On 3/9/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 162-49
by SAA ALBERT G. MACDONALD/bg Date dictated 3/15/62

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Date 3/29/62Records of the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Records of the [REDACTED]
can be made available only by issuance of subpoena duces
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On 3/26/62 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 162-277
MI 162-49
by IC FRANCIS G. KAHL/clp Date dictated 3/26/62

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On December 28, 1961 the Chicago Office advised in another investigation concerning [redacted] of Chicago, Illinois, as follows.

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[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed by SAS RALPH R. HILL, Jr. and [redacted] on February 17, 1961 in connection with a trip to New York made by one SAM "MOONEY" GIANCANA (Chicago top hoodlum) in October, 1960.

[redacted] advised that on October 6, 1960 he registered into a suite of rooms in the Hampshire House, New York City, and was accompanied by [redacted] all Chicago businessmen. Another person was present whom he knew as a steel salesman from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and a friend [redacted] He denied that GIANCANA was one of the occupants of this suite or that GIANCANA visited this party at any time.

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According to the records of the Chicago Police Department, as searched in April, 1958, [redacted] described as 6'1", [redacted] occupation [redacted] for no driver's license. He was discharged December 9, 1941. [redacted] was born [redacted] at Brooklyn, New York, 6'1" and was employed as a "steel warehouser", Canal Steel Company, Chicago, Illinois. He was arrested [redacted] for driving under the influence of alcohol and on June 23, 1952 was fined \$5 and costs. [redacted] born [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, was employed as a steel company owner, and he was arrested [redacted] for driving under the influence of alcohol. This charge was changed to reckless driving, and he was fined \$100 plus \$6 costs on February 13, 1957.

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On March 29, 1962 the Chicago Office advised Milwaukee that a review of the Chicago Telephone Directory indicated that telephone number AN 3-4966 is listed to the Shangri La Restaurant, 222 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois, and telephone number DA 6-6100 is listed to the Dunlap Steel Corporation, 2404 South Canal Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On April 6, 1962 MI T-3 advised SA []
[] that Milwaukee telephone number BR 3-7834 is not
a working number in the Broadway exchange.

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MI T-3 stated further that Milwaukee telephone
number FL 2-6465 is listed to one FRANK L. SANSONE, 8676
West Manor Court, Milwaukee 17, Wisconsin. Further,
Milwaukee telephone number [] is subscribed to by
one []
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On April 6, 1962 inquiries conducted by SA []
of the Credit Bureau of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Police
Department failed to reflect any information identifiable
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On April 6, 1962 MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY
that JOHN RIZZO is still operating his craps and blackjack
games at Kenosha, Wisconsin, and the games begin at 9:00 PM
on Friday and Saturday nights and at 4:00 PM on Sunday
afternoons. Informant stated the action is biggest at
this gambling site at about 1:00 AM to 3:00 AM in the
mornings. Informant said that BILL COVELLI still carries
a bank roll and supervises collections and payoffs, and
that RIZZO is there all of the time. Informant stated
that BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO are still
getting a cut, part of which undoubtedly goes to FRANK
BALISTRERI but these individuals do not go to RIZZO's in
Kenosha.

MI T-2 stated that RIZZO's game is located on
56th Street with a liquor store on one side and Greco's
Restaurant on the other, and the gambling site has the
appearance of being an empty store with a large plate glass
window painted green. Informant stated that when one
enters the gambling place by a door into this empty store,
he then goes to a hall, which is between this door and
Greco's Restaurant, and then to a room directly in back
of the empty portion of the store where the action goes on.
Informant said that no lights can be seen from the outside
at all. Informant added that there is a door in the

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hallway which leads directly to Greco's Restaurant, but this door is not usually used by the gamblers, but is planned for use as an escape door in case of a raid.

On April 5, 1962 MI T-4 advised SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON that he was acquainted with RIZZO's gambling joint, located next door to Greco's Restaurant in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and there is craps gambling going on there each Friday night and Sundays. Informant stated that this site has two partitions through which one must pass to get to the craps game, and there was a back door which was barricaded and a door that apparently led to Greco's Restaurant, which is also barricaded. Informant stated he believes there is another door, which possibly is connected with Gerolmo's Liquor Tavern, located on the east side of the gambling site and from which the gamblers buy dice and cards. Informant described the dice table as being about 8 feet by sixteen feet in dimension and was usually lined with players.

On April 10, 1962 MI T-4 advised SA THOMPSON that he visited RIZZO's craps game on Sunday night, April 8, 1962, where RIZZO was watching, and COVELLI was handling the money. There were about twenty men at the craps game, and there must have been \$10,000 on the table in front of COVELLI. An unknown man was handling the dice, described as 50 years of age, small and wore glasses, and he would pick up the dice and throw them to the player after they were picked up from the table.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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At Racine, Wisconsin

The 1961 Racine City Directory reflected that STANLEY WOJSZKO resided at 1741 Franklin Street, wife VICTORIA, and that he was employed by the J. I. Case Company.

The 1961 Racine City Directory reflected DAVID SHEFT resided at 2413 Erie Street and that he was the operator of the Odds and Ends Club, 1210 State Street.

[REDACTED] Bureau of Identification, Racine Police Department, on April 9, 1962, advised that he could find no arrest record on STANLEY WOJSZKO based on the spelling of his name.

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[REDACTED] stated that their files reflected that DAVID SHEFT, Racine Police Department No. 6522, address, 2414 Erie Street, born November 1, 1916, Ottawa, Canada, had a number of arrests.

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<u>Date Arrested</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
2/26/37	Gambling	Dismissed
7/15/40	Receiving & concealing stolen property	Dismissed
9/18/40	Receiving & concealing stolen property	2 yrs. probation
3/27/44	Keeper of Gambling House	\$100 and cost
11/17/47	Arterial Violation	\$14.09 (fine & cost)
5/26/52	Liquor Laws	Released
11/20/52	Disorderly Conduct	Forfeited \$25 Bail
11/14/55	One-Way Violation	\$5 fine
10/30/57	Possession of Gambling Equipment	Released
2/12/58	Liquor Violation	Dismissed

<u>Date Arrested</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
6/15/60	Permit Minor to Linger	\$100 & cost
2/28/61	Keeper of Gambling House	Dismissed
3/3/61	Inmate, House of Illegal Fame	Still pending

[redacted] stated that it had been reported to their Department that SHEFT was no longer the operator of the Odds and Ends Tavern located at 1210 State Street.

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On May 4, 1962, [redacted] Racine Credit Bureau, advised that their files reflected that STANLEY WOJSZKO, 1741 Franklin Street, had been known to their bureau since September, 1932 and that he has been employed by the J. I. Case Company since approximately February, 1935. There is nothing of a derogatory nature concerning WOJSZKO's credit rating.

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[redacted] stated that with regard to DAVID SHEFT, 2413 Erie Street, their last credit inquiry had been as of April, 1960 and that DAVID SHEFT was shown to be the operator of the Odds and Ends Tavern, 1210 State Street. There was nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning the credit of DAVID SHEFT.

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On May 13, 1962 MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that RIZZO is still operating his gambling site in Kenosha, Wisconsin on Friday, Saturday and Sundays, and he has the same individuals patronizing the game from Milwaukee. Informant said that RIZZO and COVELLI are definitely supervising the game and are at the game all of the time.

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On June 15, 1962 MI T-1 advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr. that the "56th Street Cigar Store" at 2207 56th Street in Kenosha, which is operated by JOHN RIZZO and attended by BILL "WEISER" COVELLI, together with CHARLES COSENTINO, of Kenosha, is still operating on a regular basis on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights and apparently they have no fear of being shut down.



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*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

Post Office Box 663
Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin

June 19, 1962

WILLIAM COVELLI
INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Reference is made to the report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., dated and captioned as above at Milwaukee.

All informants mentioned in this report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Post Office Box 663
Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin

June 19, 1962

WILLIAM COVELLI
INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

MI T-1 is a source closely acquainted with the various members of the gambling element in Kenosha, Wisconsin for many years.

MI T-2 is a Milwaukee hoodlum who is closely associated with gamblers and other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area, particularly so with those in the Italian-American element, and is aware of their current illegal activities.

MI T-3 is a source [redacted]
[redacted] in the Milwaukee area.

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MI T-4 is an individual who is personally acquainted with a number of individuals in the gambling element in Kenosha, Wisconsin and is aware of their current illegal activities.

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 8/14/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/16 - 8/1/62
TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.	TYPED BY esl
		CHARACTER OF CASE IGA	

REFERENCE

Chicago letters to Milwaukee 6/18/62, 7/26/62 (IO)
Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., 6/19/62, Milwaukee
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THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE
AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

Will continue to develop current activities and associates of subject in an effort to ascertain whether he is engaged in interstate gambling in violation of the laws of the United States.

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Location</u>
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Report of: SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.
Date: August 14, 1962

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File No.: 162-49

Bureau File No.: 162-777

Title: WILLIAM COVELLI

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis: Background on contacts of subject COVELLI set forth. MI T-1 advises JOHN RIZZO's craps and poker games continue to operate regularly on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, and are attended by subject COVELLI. MI T-2 in July, 1962 advises COVELLI makes weekly visits to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to give BUSTER BALESTREERE and STEVE DI SALVO their "cut" on gambling at RIZZO's. Investigation continuing.

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DETAILS: AT WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS

The following investigation at Waukegan, Illinois, was conducted by SA O. ARTHUR GRAN:

A review of the city of Waukegan Telephone Directory and cross-index telephone guide reflected the following telephone listings:

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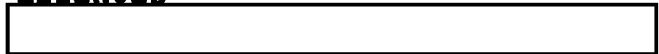
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1904 10th Street, Waukegan,
Illinois



[redacted] Credit Bureau of Waukegan-North Chicago,
Waukegan, Illinois, advised on April 16, 1962, from records
that [redacted] is a
carpenter employed since May, 1958, by Deerfield Construction
Company, 1530 Oakwood, Deerfield, Illinois. He has two children
[redacted] There was no derogatory information.

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She further advised from records that [redacted] date
of birth, [redacted] was listed as divorced in November,
1956, and as [redacted]
In 1956 her address was [redacted] Wisconsin.
As of October, 1957, she was employed by Electronic Supply
Office, Great Lakes, Illinois. Her latest residence address
is [redacted] Wisconsin.

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[redacted] Identification Officer, Waukegan, Illinois
Police Department, advised on May 24, 1962, that he had no
record of arrest regarding [redacted]
[redacted]

Date 5/18/62

[redacted]
phone [redacted] who resides with wife and family at [redacted] who is personally known to agent, advised as follows:

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He has been acquainted for the past five or six years with BILL "WIESER" COVELLI of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and used to play gin rummy with him frequently. Several years ago, COVELLI was interested in getting his cigarette vending machines installed in Navy Exchanges at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, and asked [redacted] to inquire [redacted] and a friend [redacted] did talk [redacted] about COVELLI, but the latter was never successful in placing any machines at Great Lakes.

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[redacted] himself in the past has owned part interest in various race horses through his father-in-law, [redacted]. As a result he has been interested in racing and up to a year or two ago, used to bet quite regularly on the horses. Occasionally he would call COVELLI and have him place a bet for him at the track when he was going down.

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He no longer engages in betting but considers COVELLI a friend. On numerous occasions he has called COVELLI for favors, and COVELLI has on many occasions been able to get him tickets to various sporting events.

[redacted] concluded that he has not engaged in any gambling activity with COVELLI in recent years and does not know what COVELLI's activities might be.

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On 5/8/62 at Waukegan, Illinois File # MI 162-49 162-77

by SA O. ARTHUR GRAN plb Date dictated 5/14/62

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On June 15, 1962, MI T-1 advised that the 56th Street Cigar Store located at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, and headed by JOHNNY RIZZO, is still operating as a gambling site for craps and poker games on a regular basis on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights and these games are attended by subject COVELLI and CHARLES COSENTINO. According to the informant, RIZZO and COVELLI apparently have no fear of being shut down.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On July 9, 1962, [REDACTED] Schroeder Hotel, advised that he ran his guest registration cards through for the period of February 1, 1962 through February 20, 1962, and was unable to identify any person assigned to Room 707 during that period. [REDACTED] said that Room 707 is a family suite and that the registration cards at the Schroeder Hotel are filed alphabetically by the guest's name.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The following investigation was conducted by SA CURTIS L. PERRYMAN:

On July 12, 1962, it was ascertained from a telephone service available to the public that telephone number IN 7-2900 is a number of the American Air Lines at Chicago, Illinois, which gives a recorded announcement about flight information.

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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On July 12, 1962, a review of the Donnelly's Yellow Book Crisscross telephone directory, the April, 1962 Tampa Telephone Directory, and the Tampa, Florida City Directory for 1962 revealed that telephone number 253-9453 is subscribed to by [REDACTED] La Concha Bar and Package Store, 1725 Grand Central Avenue, Tampa, Florida.

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Telephone number 255-8491 is subscribed to by Little General Stores, Inc., 1955 West Cass Street, Tampa, Florida.

[redacted] General Telephone Company of Florida, Tampa, Florida, advised on July 12, 1962, that 872-9662 is not a good number in Tampa, Florida.

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[redacted] is possibly identical [redacted] formerly of [redacted] Tampa, Florida, who has been contacted by the Tampa Division in the past. [redacted] is cooperative and is not known to have been involved in gambling activities.

[redacted]
He is a paramour [redacted] and frequents [redacted] La Concha Bar and Package Store with her.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On July 23, 1962, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO is still operating his craps game at Kenosha, Wisconsin, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and that [redacted] the other gamblers from Milwaukee still meet at the "Talk of the Town" Tavern and drive to Kenosha for gambling. MI T-2 stated that BILL COVELLI makes weekly visits to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to give BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO their "cut" on the gamblings at RIZZO's.

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On July 28, 1962, MI T-1 advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., that [redacted] has always been [redacted] at JOHN RIZZO's gambling site at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, or [redacted] was also used as a maintenance man there. Informant advised that RIZZO is said to have ousted JEFF COVELLI, brother of BILL "Weiser" COVELLI, from the game at Kenosha and JEFF is supposedly handling a piece of the "Bookie" business on his own. "Weiser" COVELLI is still there and so is [redacted] who was always close to "Weiser." According to informant, [redacted] is said to be at this gambling site of RIZZO's now but in what capacity is not known. Informant

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added that RIZZO is still operating on Friday through Sunday nights of each week on a steady basis and apparently does not have fear of any raid.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On August 1, 1962, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHN RIZZO continues to operate his craps game at Kenosha on the week ends and that ~~BILL COVELLI~~ and RIZZO still furnish a "cut" of the profits to ~~STEVE DI SALVO~~ and ~~BUSTER BALESTRERE~~. Informant stated that for the past two weeks RIZZO has been bringing the money himself to these individuals in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



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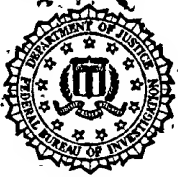
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 14, 1962

Title WILLIAM COVELLI

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Reference Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr.,
at Milwaukee dated and captioned as
above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
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REFERENCE

Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR., Milwaukee, 8/14/62.

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin

Will continue to develop current activities and associates of Subject COVELLI in an effort to ascertain whether he is engaged in interstate gambling in violation of laws of the United States.

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Field Office File No.: MI 162-49

Bureau File No.: 162-777

Title: WILLIAM COVELLI

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis: MI T-1 advises that Subject BILL "WEISER" COVELLI still has a hand in JOHNNY RIZZO's craps and poker game at Kenosha, Wisconsin on every weekend night and this gambling has continued without interruption for the past six or seven months.

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DETAILS: At Kenosha, Wisconsin

On September 6, 1962 MI T-1 advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. that conditions are unchanged at Kenosha, Wisconsin with BILL "WEISER" COVELLI still having a hand in JOHNNY RIZZO's craps and poker games on every weekend at the 56th Street Cigar Store location and that this gambling has continued to get a big play without interruption for the past six or seven months and that the local authorities make no effort to interfere.



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**Milwaukee, Wisconsin
September 27, 1962**

**WILLIAM COVELLI
INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES**

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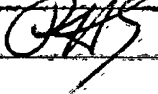
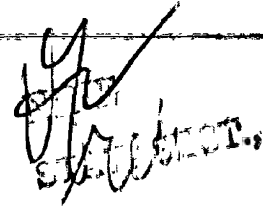
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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

Will continue to develop current activities and associates of Subject COVELLI in an effort to ascertain whether he is engaged in interstate gambling in violation of the laws of the United States.

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Title: WILLIAM COVELLI

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis: MI T-2 advised RIZZO's gambling site in Kenosha is still operating its craps and poker game. MI T-1 advises Subject COVELLI is still with JOHN CHARLES RIZZO at Kenosha with gambling running from Friday night through Sundays and doing well financially. T-1 also said two BALISTRIERI men had been recently to Kenosha to put the "heat" on any other competition with RIZZO's gambling game.

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DETAILS:

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On September 21, 1962, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWY that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO has re-opened a horse book in Racine, Wisconsin and has an individual operating the "book" for him and also that RIZZO is still operating his craps and poker games in Kenosha and is not worried about any raids by the local police department. Informant did not know the telephone number or location of the book in Racine at this time.

On September 21, 1962, MI T-2 advised SA GASSAWAY that in connection with RIZZO's gambling site in Kenosha, he is still operating his craps game there and is also booking from his gambling place in Kenosha as well as running a book out of Racine.

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On October 12, 1962, MI T-2 was recontacted by SA GASSAWAY, but no additional information was available regarding Subject COVELLI or JOHN RIZZO both at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On November 16, 1962, MI T-1 advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., that he had learned through his own sources that the City of Kenosha is completely under control of the BALISTRIERI group and two BALISTRIERI men had been recently down to Kenosha from Milwaukee to put the "heat" on any competitors of RIZZO's gambling setup there.

MI T-1 also stated RIZZO and COVELLI are still very active in craps and poker games at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha on Friday nights, Saturdays and Sundays and are doing very well financially, but no information has been received that they are attempting to open any new place in Kenosha and he doubted that they were as they would have no reason to do so. MI T-1 said he has not heard RIZZO enlarged his book operation recently, but RIZZO always did have one operating in relation to "large lay-offs" from local gamblers in Kenosha, but that in the event he is expanding in Racine, a logical associate would be a DAVID SHEFT, as both have been close associates for years.

MI T-1 also advised "WEISER", COVELLI's brother, JEFF COVELLI, is definitely out of the picture at RIZZO's gambling spot and is busted financially.

MI T-1 also advised the old time local gamblers in Kenosha and many tavern owners there as well, are getting more bold seeing so much wage money passing around by American Motors Corp. with nobody bothering RIZZO's gambling operation and it may be for this reason that BALISTRIERI has sent some of his "toughs" down to Kenosha to put a stop to any growing competition with RIZZO's gambling games there.



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Title

WILLIAM COVELLI

Character

INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Reference

Report of SA WILLIAM J.
HIGGINS, Jr., dated and
captioned as above.

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
November 23, 1962

WILLIAM COVELLI
INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

MI T-1 is a source closely acquainted with the various members of the gambling element in Kenosha, Wisconsin for many years.

MI T-2 is a Milwaukee hoodlum who is closely associated with gamblers and other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area, particularly so with those in the Italian-American element, and is aware of their current illegal activities.

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Will identify subscribers of telephone calls charged to Subject COVELLI as set forth in this report and conduct appropriate

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credit and criminal checks to ascertain these individuals' backgrounds and evaluate whether involved in gambling activities with Subject.

At Milwaukee, Wis.

Will similarly as set forth in above lead for Racine ascertain identities of subscribers to telephone numbers WE 3-0052 and GR 6-1756.

At Eau Claire, Wis.

Will likewise identify subscribers of telephone numbers TE 4-1209 and TE 2-0066.

At Kenosha, Wis.

Will continue efforts to identify Subject as being involved in gambling and other racket activities with view to ascertaining whether engaged in violation of laws of US Government.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Period of this report is extended to include investigation conducted at Chicago and Waukegan, Ill. on 10/26/62, results of which were not available for inclusion in rerep.

In connection with mention set forth in this report of Subject WILLIAM COVELLI, aka "WEISER" or "WHEEZER," with the 'BIERNAT' case, it is to be noted this pertains to the current investigation being conducted by the Milwaukee Office of case entitled, "ANTHONY JOSEPH BIERNAT, aka, MISSING PERSON - MURDER," OO Milwaukee, MI file 79-56, Bufile 95-107526. In regard to this case, BIERNAT, who was a local juke box operator of only moderate means in Kenosha, Wis., was forcefully abducted at about 10:15 PM on 1/7/63 in Kenosha by three unidentified assailants and

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subsequently found buried in lime in a shallow grave at the abandoned Bong AFB, Kenosha County, Wis., on late evening of 1/28/63. Cause of death was attributed to at least three severe blows to the top, back and right rear of BIERNAT's head, possibly occurring at about midnight, 1/7/63, at the site where found buried.

Information regarding telephone toll calls set forth in this report and charged to Kenosha, Wis., Olympic 2-1390, listed to WILLIAM COVELLI, 7827 36th Ave., Kenosha, Wis., was furnished on 11/14/62 to SA(A) ALBERT G. MACDONALD by MI CS 2.

Information regarding identities of subscribers of telephones located in Waukegan, Great Lakes and Zion, Ill. set forth in this report was furnished 11/7/62 by [redacted] Security Department, Illinois Bell Telephone Co., Chicago, Ill., to IC FRANCIS G. KAHL and relates to telephone calls charged [redacted]

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of Subject.

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Identity

MI T-1 is [redacted]

MI T-2 is [redacted]

MI T-5 is [redacted]

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SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. Office: MILWAUKEE

Date:

2/12/63

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Title:

WILLIAM COVELLI

Character:

INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis:

Results of telephone toll calls charged to Subject, 7827 36th Ave., Kenosha, Wis., obtained. Identities of previous telephone contacts in northern Illinois set forth. FRANK BURLINGHAM, of Kenosha, sentenced 2 years to SP, Waupun, Wis., on 11/16/62 on charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, alleged Subject active in horse book and sports gambling, as well as being involved with JOHN CHARLES RIZZO in craps and poker games, and that Subject is one of top four horse book operators in Kenosha. MI T-2 advised Subject has moved into juke box business in Kenosha, in which BALISTRIERI mob of Milwaukee may have a part interest. On 1/4/63 MI T-2 advised that Subject, RIZZO and a man named "AL" met STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA in Milwaukee, which may have related to abduction of ANTHONY JOSEPH BIERNAT, a juke box operator at Kenosha on night of 1/7/63. MI T-2 also advised Subject and RIZZO ran their craps game at Kenosha on night of 1/11/63. MI T-5 advised COVELLI is good suspect in BIERNAT case, being very close to Chief of Police STANLEY HAUKE DAHL, Kenosha PD, and is one to contact if desire had to operate gambling in Kenosha. MI T-5 also feels sure that Chief HAUKE DAHL is being paid off.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

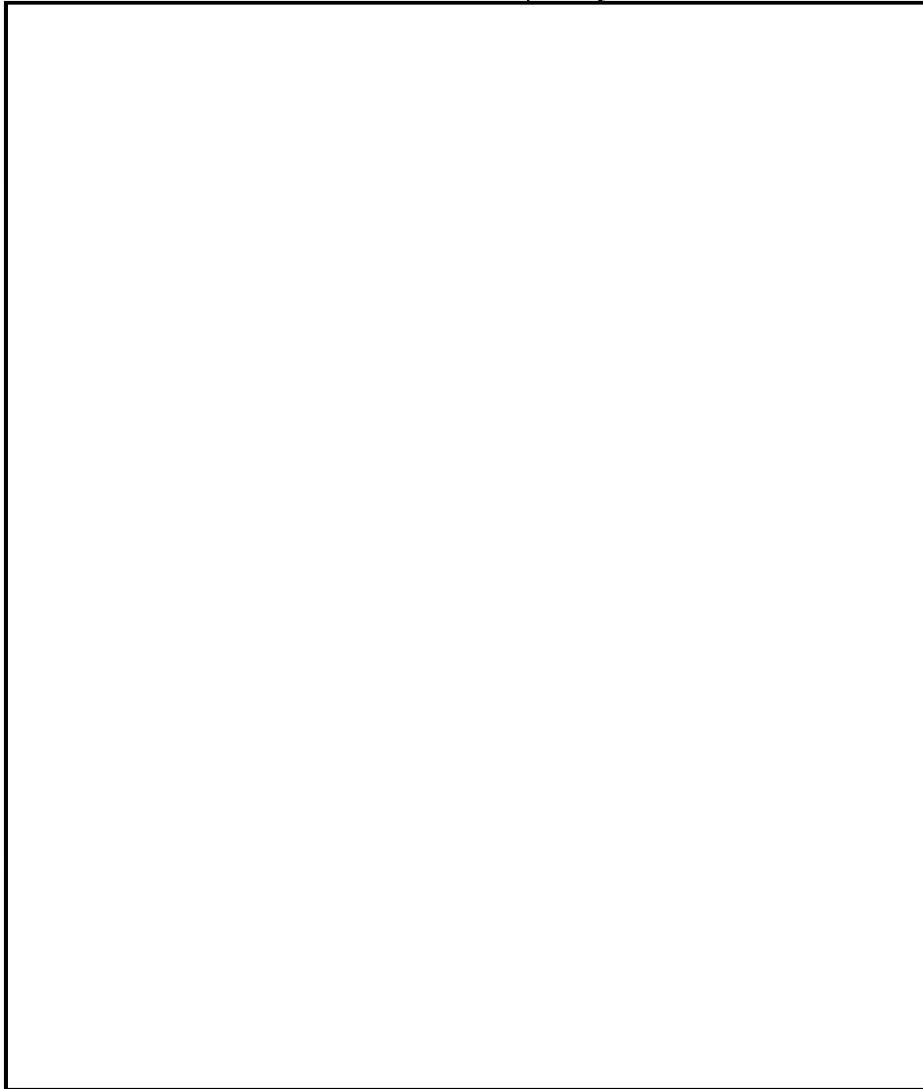
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The records of the [redacted]
[redacted] reflect the following information concerning [redacted]

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by IC FRANCIS G. KAHL/dcc Date dictated 11/13/62

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AT WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS

The following investigation was conducted by
SA O. ARTHUR GRAN;

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Waukegan-North
Chicago, on October 26, 1962, made available records
concerning the following individuals:

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[redacted]

[redacted] was born in 1935 and has been a
[redacted] in the employ [redacted]
[redacted] for the past nine years. There
is no derogatory information in Credit
Bureau files.

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[redacted]

[redacted] was born [redacted]
and resides at [redacted]
Illinois, with his wife [redacted] and
ten children. [redacted] is employed
[redacted] at Lindskog Mercury-Comet,
Inc., Libertyville, Illinois, and as a
[redacted]
[redacted] Illinois. No
derogatory information is contained in
Credit Bureau files.

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[redacted] was born [redacted] and
resides [redacted]
[redacted] Illinois, with wife
[redacted]

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the United States Marine Corps, Marine Serial No. [redacted] and has been in the Marine Corps for 12 years. No derogatory information was contained in Credit Bureau files.

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ROWAN was born on May 10, 1910, and resides [redacted]

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[redacted] Illinois. He has been employed as a guard at Abbott Laboratories, Waukegan, Illinois, since June 21, 1954. No derogatory information was found in Credit Bureau files.

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[redacted] resides at [redacted] Illinois, and is a civilian employee at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. No derogatory information was contained in Credit Bureau files.

[redacted]

No record concerning [redacted] could be found in Credit Bureau files.

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[redacted] Identification Officer, Waukegan Police Department, Waukegan, Illinois, advised on October 29, 1962, that he could locate no record for the above listed individuals, and had no information that any of them were engaged in gambling activity.

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Credit Bureau and Waukegan Police Department records reflect that [redacted] Waukegan Police Department No. [redacted] born [redacted] was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon on May 21, 1951, stabbing. [redacted] was last employed in 1955 as [redacted] [redacted] at the Food Pump Restaurant.

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[redacted] Lake County Sheriff's Office, advised on October 31, 1962, that his department had no record on the individuals, and no information that any of them are connected with gambling activities.

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The Waukegan City directory lists [redacted] [redacted] Illinois, as an employee of Fansteel Metallurgical Corporation.

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AT ZION, ILLINOIS

Detective [redacted] Illinois, Police Department, advised on November 2, 1962, that his department had no record concerning ALFRED ROWAN.

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On November 19, 1962 the Chicago Office advised Milwaukee that telephone number [redacted] was ascertained previously as listed to [redacted] Waukegan, Illinois, [redacted] of Kenosha, Wisconsin, [redacted] Subject WILLIAM COVELLI.

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On November 9, 1962 [redacted] an inmate at the Kenosha County Jail, when interviewed by SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., advised he was born [redacted] at Kenosha and was then awaiting trial in the Kenosha County Court on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, for which he was originally arrested on August 28, 1961 at Kenosha, Wisconsin and thereafter released on bond [redacted] added that all of his life he has been closely associated with the Italian-American hoodlum element in Kenosha, knows them all intimately and out of anger at the civic officials and the District Attorney's Office of Kenosha, who were behind the present charge existing against him, he was desirous of furnishing information in respect to the identities of gamblers and racketeers in Kenosha, which information he has learned through the years by association with most of these individuals.

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[redacted] stated that one [redacted] of Kenosha, who has [redacted] Kenosha, telephone [redacted] is known as a consistent bettor and gambler, both in Waukegan, Illinois and Kenosha, Wisconsin, and hangs out at such places as the Vagabond Club, Chick's Bar, Zino's Bar, Chet's Sports Bar and Pete Zocchi's Bar on 44th Street and Sheridan Road, Kenosha.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] uses [redacted] only for persons in whom he has complete trust, such as ALBERT DE CESARO, RALPH MASARA, and BILL COVELLI in the Kenosha area.

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[] stated that one NICK COVELLI, who is owner and operator of the Squeeze Inn Tavern, telephone OLympic 7-9731, also has an interest in Gino's Bar at 518 58th Street, Kenosha, OL 4-9466, and is well known in Kenosha for his very heavy gambling and drinking. [] said that NICK COVELLI is particularly in debt for gambling to BILL COVELLI, AL DE CESARO and RALPH MASARA.

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[] also advised that BILL COVELLI is very close as a life long friend [] of the Kenosha Police Department.

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On November 20, 1962 Deputy [redacted] [redacted] Records Section, Kenosha County Sheriff's Office, advised SA HIGGINS that on November 14, 1962 [redacted] an inmate at the Kenosha County Jail, voluntarily taped an interview had with Deputy [redacted] regarding gambling activities in Kenosha. In this interview, [redacted] set out the following information.

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[redacted] advised that when he was released from the Wisconsin State Prison at Waupun, Wisconsin on [redacted] he took up residence in Kenosha [redacted] and thereafter renewed his acquaintance with such individuals as [redacted] a bookie, [redacted] NICK COVELLI, a bookie and gambler, [redacted] a bookie and gambler, BILL "WEISER" COVELLI, JOHN RIZZO, [redacted] He added that he performed some building plan drawings and electrical installation diagrams for the gambling locations of JOHN RIZZO, [redacted] COOKIE SCOLA [redacted]

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[redacted] said that [redacted] Chick's Bar at 505 58th Street, Kenosha, and lays off gambling bets with JOHN RIZZO and RALPH MASARA. [redacted] stated that CARL "COOKIE" SCOLA runs a poker game at Dante's Bar at 3029 52nd Street, Kenosha, [redacted] and these poker games are usually operated on the late afternoons and early evenings, and JOHN CHARLES RIZZO has the craps table in an adjoining room next to SCOLA which is usually run by RIZZO on Wednesday evening. He said, however, that if there is reason to operate this craps game on Friday and Saturday nights, RIZZO has AL DE CESARO and [redacted] handle these for him at Dante's, while he is operating his own big game at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha. [redacted] stated that, while he sat in Dante's, both rooms on the second floor were operated on at least two separate week-ends. He said that on one of these occasions, while he was at the bar at Dante's, [redacted] of the Kenosha Police Department, came in and sat beside

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him, [redacted] is a close personal friend of both [redacted] and he supplied the tavern license [redacted] at this establishment. [redacted] said that at the time [redacted] was at the bar in Dante's, JOHN RIZZO himself was handling the craps game upstairs and CARL SCOLA was at the poker game in the adjoining room on the second floor.

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[redacted] said that JOHN RIZZO, who is a partner of BILL COVELLI, was convicted of gambling in Lake and Cook Counties, Illinois, believed near Highwood, Illinois, several years ago under a fictitious name.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] is another gambler who is former bar manager of the Italian American Club in Kenosha and now works with JOHN RIZZO, RALPH MASARA, AL DE CESARO and "WEISER" COVELLI in gambling operations in Kenosha. [redacted]

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where he handles all sporting events bets.

[redacted] identified one RALPH MASARA as associated with AL DE CESARO and being well known gamblers in horse book operations in Kenosha. He said that MASARA has handled the book at the Vagabond Club, Chick's Bar, Gino's Bar, where he had part of the take, Mr. Z's Bar, where he also had part of the take, and at the Desert Inn, where he also had part of the take. In regard to these latter three bars, where MASARA had a part of the take, [redacted] advised that the proceeds of these places were split with JOHN RIZZO and BILL COVELLI.

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[redacted] advised that MASARA and DE CESARO were "tops" in gambling at Kenosha until RIZZO and COVELLI stepped into the picture and, when this happened, these four individuals sectioned off areas in Kenosha for their own respective operations. [redacted] added that [redacted] Kenosha, prints baseball and other sporting event cards [redacted]

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and these cards are then distributed to RIZZO, BILL COVELLI, MASARA and DE CESARO, who in turn give them to their runners for distribution in the Kenosha area for betting purposes.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] of the Morgan Furniture Company, is a well known bookie and much in debt to JOHN RIZZO and BILL COVELLI and has taken up making book at Steve's Bar, Vic's Tavern and the Club 6 on the north side of Kenosha. Another in debt to COVELLI and RIZZO is [redacted] of Zion and Winthrop Harbor, Illinois, where he is a contractor [redacted] in the "B & B Lounge" at Winthrop Harbor. [redacted] stated that CHARLES COSENTINO is a well known local gambler and barber at 56th and 22nd Avenue, where he now runs his own shop, and is an old time west side hoodlum and very close personally to JOHN RIZZO and BILL COVELLI. [redacted] said that COSENTINO is likewise very close to [redacted] the Kenosha Police Department.

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On December 31, 1962 MI T-1 advised that RIZZO's craps game and poker gambling games are still operating regularly on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights of each weekend. Informant said that none of the gamblers that attend the sessions are from Illinois but are from Milwaukee and the southeastern part of Wisconsin, as the Illinois gamblers want no part of going into Wisconsin.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On January 11, 1963 MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that, in respect to ANTHONY JOSEPH BIERNAT, a juke box operator at Kenosha who was abducted forcibly by three assailants at approximately 10:15 PM on January 7, 1963, it was very possible that BIERNAT was treading on WILLIAM COVELLI's or FRANK BALISTRIERI's toes as both of them are in the juke box business. T-2 pointed out that COVELLI is also a partner of JOHN RIZZO in the latter's craps game in Kenosha, in which FRANK BALISTRIERI has an interest, and BALISTRIERI may very well have an interest in COVELLI's juke box business as well. T-2 said that BIERNAT may have

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been "hit" by the Milwaukee outfit to be held in some farm house or other out of the way place until BIERNAT agreed to whatever demands they might make to get a cut in his juke box business.

MI T-2 advised that during the week of December 24, 1962 JOHN RIZZO, of Kenosha, had contacted STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA in Milwaukee to get an okay from the BALISTRERI outfit to take over Racine and Kenosha for payoffs to the outfit. Informant said the BIERNAT incident very possibly may be an outgrowth of this deal. T-2 said that on Friday, January 4, 1963, RIZZO, BILL COVELLI and a man known only as "AL," who works at RIZZO's craps game in Kenosha, came to Milwaukee and met STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA, supposedly to obtain a new bankroll, but it may very possibly have had something to do with ANTHONY BIERNAT.

On January 13, 1963 MI T-2 advised he had learned that JOHN RIZZO had a big piece of COVELLI's juke box business and also owns a big piece of a juke box business in Racine, Wisconsin. Informant also said that evidently RIZZO and BILL COVELLI are not too concerned over the BIERNAT incident as they ran their craps game at Kenosha as usual on Friday night, January 11, 1963.

On January 18, 1963 MI T-2 advised that rumors were circulating in Milwaukee that the BALISTRERI wanted to take over BIERNAT's juke box business, and that they are planning to take over everything in Kenosha and Racine Counties, Wisconsin. T-2 stated that the individual known as "AL," who accompanied RIZZO and BILL COVELLI to Milwaukee some weeks ago, works for RIZZO in the craps game in Kenosha and is an Italian around 60 years of age, tall and thin, with grey hair and wears glasses. MI T-2 added that RIZZO and COVELLI have been in the juke box business for several years, and they also have a piece of an import and export business with an individual whose last name is [redacted] Kenosha.

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On January 25, 1963 MI T-2 advised he had learned that STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA, of Milwaukee, were talking about possibly killing someone and then started discussing possible ways of getting rid of the man's body. They indicated the best solution was to dig a hole, put the body in it and put quick lime over the body and then cover it up. Informant also said that the talk in Milwaukee was that RIZZO was going to operate his gambling game again on Friday, January 25, 1963, at Kenosha.

On January 28, 1963 MI T-5 advised SA LEWIS GREY BROCKMAN that he would consider one "WEEZER" COVELLI as a possible suspect in the disappearance of ANTHONY BIERNAT at Kenosha. He stated that COVELLI's father, "RED" COVELLI, used to work for the CAPONE gang during the 1930's and was killed in Kenosha many years ago. MI T-5 said that COVELLI was supposed to have been an officer in the U. S. Army during World War II, and he has been active in gambling activities in Kenosha since World War II. Informant also stated that COVELLI is a very close friend of Chief of Police STANLEY HAUKE DAHL, of Kenosha. He said that COVELLI hangs out at the Greco Restaurant on 22nd Avenue and 56th Street a lot of the time and quite often has dinner there with Chief of Police HAUKE DAHL.

MI T-5 said that COVELLI has been out of town with Chief HAUKE DAHL on occasion.

MI T-5 added that COVELLI is extremely active in the Kenosha gambling picture, and that HAUKE DAHL knows gambling is going on in Kenosha. Informant said that, in his opinion, he feels sure Chief HAUKE DAHL is being paid off. MI T-5 said that COVELLI knows just about everything that is going on in the Italian element around Kenosha, and that COVELLI has been said to be the one a person must contact if a person plans on opening any gambling joint in Kenosha and hope to stay in business. MI T-5 added that

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from his own experience in operating a gambling joint in Kenosha, there was no difficulty as long as it was an isolated group. MI T-5 in this regard said that during the latter part of 1962 he contacted COVELLI regarding opening a gambling game and was advised that all profits could go to MI T-5 provided COVELLI could be guaranteed \$300 per week. Informant said that COVELLI is a professional gambler and race track bookie.

MI T-5 said it was also his belief that the FBI would not receive full cooperation from the Kenosha Police Department in the BIERNAT case inasmuch as the Kenosha Police Department is paid off by gamblers and small time hoods in Kenosha.

On January 29, 1963 [redacted] Milwaukee Police Department, advised SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM that he has an informant who advised him that JOHN RIZZO had a big craps game in Kenosha on Saturday night, January 26, 1963, in which [redacted] of Milwaukee, won a large amount of money, and that [redacted] the Kenosha Police Department was in attendance at this game.

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On February 1, 1963 MI T-2 advised SA KNICKREHM that BILL COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO have been coming to Milwaukee almost every Tuesday to see STEVE DE SALVO or JOE GURERA. Informant stated that on or about January 3, 1963 COVELLI, RIZZO and a man named "AL" (believed possibly AL ALBANA, also known as "CADILLAC AL") accompanied JOE GURERA, STEVE DE SALVO, FRANK BALISTRIERI and BUSTER BALESTRERE to the Harlem Globe Trotters basketball game in Milwaukee. After the game, they returned to Gallagher's in Milwaukee.

On February 3, 1963 MI T-2 advised SA GASSAWAY that information was recently learned ANTHONY BIERNAT handled a book in Kenosha and, accordingly, the latter may have very possibly been shaken down by DE SALVO and GURERA for weekly payments to the outfit for operating a book in Kenosha.

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MI T-2 advised that previous information existed that some of the gamblers in Kenosha had been contacted by DE SALVO and GURERA for this purpose.



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Post Office Box 663
Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin

February 12, 1963

Title WILLIAM COVELLI

Character INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Reference Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr.,
dated and captioned as above, at
Milwaukee.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.



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**WILLIAM COVELLI
INTERSTATE GAMBLING
ACTIVITIES**

MI T-1 is a source closely acquainted with the various members of the gambling element in Kenosha, Wisconsin for many years.

MI T-2 is a Milwaukee hoodlum who is closely associated with gamblers and other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area, particularly so with those in the Italian-American element, and is aware of their current illegal activities.

MI T-5 is a Milwaukee gambler who is personally acquainted with a number of individuals in the gambling element in Kenosha, Wisconsin and is aware of their current illegal activities in that area.

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To: Director, FBI (162-777)

From: SAC, Milwaukee (162-49) P

Subject: WILLIAM COVELLI, *W*
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ReBUairtel to Milwaukee, 2/13/63, captioned "JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka, AR," BUfile 92-4690, requesting weekly summary airtel on captioned Subject, to be followed by initial report by 3/1/63.

In connection with captioned matter it is noted a current report was prepared and submitted to the Bureau on 2/12/63 by SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., at Milwaukee.

Subject COVELLI is associated with JOHN CHARLES RIZZO in the "craps" and poker gambling game held at 2207 - 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, which site, according to [redacted] 2/8 and 16/63 in contact with SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY, did not open on the weekends of 2/2, 9 and 16/63 apparently in cooperation with Chief of Police STANLEY G. HAUKE DAHL, PD, City of Kenosha, who held a conference with various gamblers in Kenosha during the week of January 28, 1963, ordering their cessation of gambling activities.

Intensification of all phases of this investigation is being conducted with view to developing additional informants and sources covering Subject's activities, and consideration being given to possible future utilization of other investigative and technical aids.

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 3/1/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/6-18/63
TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.	TYPED BY eak
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REFERENCE

Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., 2/12/63, Milwaukee.
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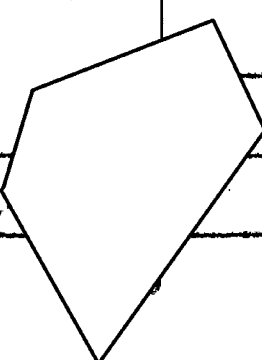
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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU (2):

Original and one copy of letterhead
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(1) Will in course of investigation consider attempt to
secure permission of Subject to take polygraph test and attempt
to develop areas wherein recommendation for survey for institution

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of highly confidential sources may be made.

(2) Will continue efforts to identify Subject as being involved in gambling and other racket activities, with view to ascertaining whether engaged in violation of laws of US.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Bureau by airtel to Milwaukee dated 2/13/63 captioned, "JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka, AR," Bufile 92-4690, identified WILLIAM COVELLI, of Kenosha, Wis., as one of several hoodlums on whom the Milwaukee Office was directed to open intensive investigation and submit weekly summary airtels and also submit a report thereon to reach Bureau by 3/1/63. Will also thereafter report on a 30 day basis without fail.

INFORMANTS

Identity

Location

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T-6 is [REDACTED]

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SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. Office: MILWAUKEE

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Bureau File No.: 162-777

Title:

WILLIAM COVELLI

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Character:

INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis:

MI T-6 advised 2/6/63 that continuous gambling games are run in Kenosha, Wis. by RIZZO and Subject, with big games run particularly on Wednesday and Sunday nights. MI T-6 stated that Subject was in business [redacted] in cigarette vending machine business. MI T-2 advised 2/8/63 that RIZZO's gambling game operated on week-end of 1/26/63 but did not open on week-end of 2/2/63 apparently due to Chief of Police HAUKE DAHL, Kenosha PD, having a meeting with gamblers in Kenosha prior to that date and had ordered gambling ended. T-2 also stated on 2/16/63 that RIZZO was not going to operate his game that week-end in Kenosha, Wis.

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DETAILS: AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On February 6, 1963 MI T-6 advised SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN that Subject WILLIAM COVELLI was in business [redacted] in a cigarette vending machine route in Kenosha.

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MI T-6 advised he is certain there is something wrong with the Kenosha Police Department based mainly on the fact that gambling and prostitution are so flagrant and wide open in the city. He stated, for example, that he knows there are continuous gambling games run by JOHN RIZZO and BILL COVELLI at the place located next to Greco's Restaurant on 56th Street, near 22nd Avenue, Kenosha. He said further that upstairs above Dante's Bar, on 52nd Street, there was a gambling spot and, in

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fact, had noticed that on the previous night, at about 4:00 AM, there apparently was a big game going on there. Informant said this is run by one "COOKIE" SCOLA and is not a friendly type game but a house game. Informant said that Wednesday and Sunday nights are when the big games are reportedly held in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

MI T-6 also said that, in regard to Chief of Police STANLEY HAUKEDAHL, he believed the Chief frequented improper types of places as far as his being Chief of Police was concerned. He pointed out that, while gambling was going on next-door at RIZZO's and COVELLI's, the Chief used to stop daily at Gerolmo's Bar for his martinis after work. He also said that he has received information that Chief HAUKEDAHL is president of a key club, and that some Kenosha judges are also members of this club, and gambling is carried on at this club.

MI T-6 further advised he knows personally that STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE approximately two to three years ago were close associates of FRANK BALISTRERI and they brought money back and forth between Milwaukee and Kenosha to finance the craps game run in Kenosha by RIZZO and Subject COVELLI, who used to come into Gallagher's in Milwaukee quite regularly on Monday night to pay off.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On February 8, 1963 MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that he had learned through sources ANTHONY J. BIERNAT, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, during the summer of 1962 had taken some bets in Milwaukee and was considered to be a bookie in Kenosha although informant does not know the place from where BIERNAT was booking.

MI T-2 also advised that RIZZO's gambling game at Kenosha was closed over the week-end of February 2, 1963 but had been open on the week-end before that on January 26, 1963. Informant said the closing down of the game by

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RIZZO was apparently the result of a report of a meeting by Chief HAUKE DAHL in Kenosha prior to February 2, 1963 with gamblers there wherein Chief HAUKE DAHL ordered all gambling to cease.

On February 16 and 18, 1963 MI T-2 advised SA GASSAWAY that RIZZO had not planned and definitely did not operate on the week-end of February 16, 1963 for the reason that Chief HAUKE DAHL in Kenosha had told all of the gamblers to close and stay closed for the time being.



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March 1, 1963

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MI T-2 is a Milwaukee hoodlum who is closely associated with gamblers and other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area, particularly with those in the Italian-American element, and is aware of their current illegal activities.

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MI T-6 [redacted] is closely associated with a number of Kenosha gamblers, particularly those of the Italian-American element, and he has knowledge of their present illegal activities in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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To: Director, FBI (162-777)
 From: SAC, Milwaukee (162-49) P
 Subject: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
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WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

ReMilwaukee airtel to Bureau 2/22/63.

On 2/26/63, [] advised that Subject BILL COVELLI and JOHN CHARLES RIZZO of Kenosha, Wisc., visited Milwaukee on Saturday, 2/23/63, and spent a good part of the evening with FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI at Fazio's Restaurant. Informant said COVELLI appeared to be scared and that BALISTRIERI advised them that they would have to lay low for six months or so.

On 2/27-28/63 and 3/1/63, spot checks conducted of COVELLI's residence at 7827 - 36th Ave., Kenosha, reflected COVELLI was staying close to his home and/or was visiting Greco's Restaurant, 2209 - 56th St., Kenosha, which is also the listed address of COVELLI's Kenosha Vending Company business operation. COVELLI currently is driving a 1963 Dodge Dart, white in color, 1963 Wisc. license E 84-821, registered to the Kenosha Vending Co. with address given of his home at 7827 - 36th Ave. In residence garage was old model Rambler, 1963 Wisc. license G 84-549 registered to ELEANORE V. COVELLI, same home address.

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From: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) (P)
Subject: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka.
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OO: Milwaukee

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 3/1/63.

On 3/7/63 ALBERT ALBANA, residing at 3029 - 52nd Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, and himself subject of Milwaukee case entitled "ALBERT ALBANA, aka., AR" Milwaukee File 92-316, was interviewed at Kenosha, Wisconsin by Bureau Agents and denied being involved in any way with the BIERNAT abduction and killing. He also denied knowing or recognizing the photographs of STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA, FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI and GUS MANIACI. ALBANA also denied visiting at Milwaukee, Wisconsin in December, 1962 or of having on January 4, 1963 in company with JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI visited at BALISTRIERI's Gallagher's Restaurant and attended the Harlem Globetrotters basketball exhibition that evening in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. ALBANA also refused to discuss the nature of his associations with either COVELLI or RIZZO at Kenosha and refused to divulge his income and earnings as well as the source thereof. He also refused to discuss his knowledge of the activities, legitimate or otherwise, of either COVELLI or RIZZO and refused to discuss the

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matter of gambling being conducted next door to Greco's Restaurant in Kenosha. In respect to DOMINIC PRINCIPE, ALBANA said he considers himself a good friend of PRINCIPE's and is the [REDACTED]

ALBANA said it has been a couple of weeks since he contacted PRINCIPE and could not recall having visited him at the PRINCIPE home within any more recent date. ALBANA also refused to execute a waiver for a polygraph examination until such time as he could contact his lawyer.

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FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) - P -
SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
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Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 3/15/63.

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On 3/13/63, Detective [redacted] Racine, Wisconsin PD, made a pretext call to JOHN RIZZO's [redacted] Racine, Wisconsin and asked for RIZZO. She said she had heard from [redacted] the night before and they told her they were in Amarillo, Texas and would be leaving the next day for Las Vegas, Nevada and that BILL COVELLI and his wife were with them. She said [redacted] had left Racine, Wisconsin on 3/10/63, and she was expecting them back in 10 or 12 days from the 3/13 date and she expected that would be around 3/25/63.

Detective [redacted] stated that [redacted] might have possibly "fibbed" regarding [redacted] location but it would be more likely that [redacted] might have told her they were at some city other than where they were actually staying to avoid directly involving [redacted] in any manner with any activity [redacted] might be engaged in.

On 3/18/63, [redacted] Wisconsin, advised that [redacted] BILL "WEISER" COVELLI [redacted] She stated that [redacted]

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On 3/18/63, [] advised he had heard that [] a Milwaukee gambler, was down in Hot Springs, Ark. and was supposed to meet JOHNNY RIZZO and BILL COVELLI there on that same day. They were planning to bet on a "fixed horse race" at Oakland Park on 3/18/63.

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On 3/19/63, Agents of the Milwaukee Office observed JOHN RIZZO's two cars located in RIZZO's closed garage at 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine County, Wisconsin.

BILL COVELLI's car has not been observed in the Kenosha, Wisconsin area and it may indicate that COVELLI's car, a 1963 Dodge Dart, Wisconsin license E84-821 was used to travel to Hot Springs, Ark.

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Spot checks at BILL COVELLI's residence, 7827 36th Avenue, Kenosha, have failed to indicate any activity or presence of cars other than a black Rambler, 1963 Wisconsin registration [redacted] belonging to [redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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 Subject: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka.
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WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 3/22/63.

On 3/25/63 a spot check of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI's residence, 7827 - 36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin, disclosed a 1959 Chevrolet Impala sport coupe, white color, 1963 Wisconsin Registration No. [redacted] parked on the driveway close to COVELLI's house. There were no other cars in the area and no unusual activity was noted. A check was made with the Kenosha County Sheriff's Office and they advised that the above vehicle is registered to [redacted]

[redacted] Wisconsin. The Kenosha City Directory lists [redacted] Gerolmo Wholesale Beverage Company, 2211 - 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, which is located adjacent to Greco's Restaurant, 2209 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin. [redacted] are close associates of BILL COVELLI.

On 3/26/63 Bureau Agents observed a Rambler, black, 1963 Wisconsin Registration No. G84-549, parked close to the garage door at COVELLI's residence, which car is registered to ELEANOR COVELLI. Immediately in back of this vehicle was another black Rambler, 1963 Wisconsin Registration No. [redacted] which is registered to [redacted]

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On 3/27/63 ELEANOR COVELLI's car was parked in the same location as noted on 3/26/63 and there were no other vehicles in the area and no activity was noted.

On 3/28/63 [redacted] (protect identity), [redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin, advised Bureau Agents that she was employed as [redacted]

[redacted] stated that she has known BILL "WEISER" COVELLI since 1951 and thinks that he is currently in Los Angeles, California, where he has [redacted]

[redacted] stated that BILL COVELLI's mother is living at the 7827 - 36th Avenue, address with BILL and ELEANOR COVELLI. She also advised that Mrs. LOUIS GRECO, SR., wife of the proprietor of Greco's Restaurant, has been staying with WEISER's mother for the past two weeks due to Mrs. COVELLI being sick.

[redacted] stated that WEISER COVELLI is a partner [redacted] in the Kenosha Vending Company, 5611 - 22nd Avenue, and that [redacted] approximately [redacted] years old, is [redacted] for Kenosha Vending Company.

[redacted] stated that on February 18, 1963 she and her [redacted] attended a party at Dante's Bar, 3029 52nd Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, and observed Chief of Police STANLEY HAUKE DAHL and [redacted] Kenosha Police Department, WEISER COVELLI, CARL "COOKIE" SCOLA, AL "CADILLAC AL" ALBANA, [redacted] and several other gamblers, all from

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Kenosha, at this party. She stated that Chief HAUKE DAHL and [redacted] were sitting with WEISER COVELLI the better part of the evening.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] for Kenosha Vending Company, state that he had told [redacted] that unless he placed WEISER COVELLI's pinball, juke box and cigarette vending machines [redacted] would not renew [redacted] lease at the tavern address. She also stated that [redacted] had included the business of [redacted] wholesale liquor dealership in this statement.

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[redacted] stated that sometime in December, 1962, prior to Christmas, WEISER COVELLI gave her a thick envelope which was the size of paper money and he instructed her to give the envelope to a man, identity unknown, who was to appear in Greco's Restaurant and later on that same day. She also stated that a man whom she thought was named [redacted] something similar, came to Greco's Restaurant that evening and asked for the envelope from WEISER. She gave the man the envelope and while this man was at Greco's Restaurant he either called or received a call from Waukegan, Illinois. She stated that she did not know this man and has never seen him since this event. She also stated that WEISER COVELLI did not show any recognition of this man as he picked up the envelope or when he walked past COVELLI as he left the restaurant.

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On 3/28/63 a spot check of WEISER COVELLI's home disclosed that he and his wife, ELEANOR, arrived home at 10:22 p.m. in a white 1963 Dodge Dart.

On 3/29/63 [redacted] Kenosha County Sheriff's Office, made a pretext telephone call to COVELLI's

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home and ELEANOR COVELLI advised him that WEISER COVELLI was at the doctor's and would not be home until late afternoon.

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TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY ah b6 b7c
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REFERENCES

Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., 3/1/63, Milwaukee;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 3/1/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 3/8/63;
 Milwaukee teletype to Bureau, 3/11/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 3/15/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Little Rock and Las Vegas, 3/16/63 (IO);
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 3/22/63;
 Chicago letter to Milwaukee, 3/22/63 (IO);
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 3/29/63

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THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

1.
Will interview Subject at opportune time, concerning his involvement in gambling and other racket activities.
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Will continue to develop current activities and associates of Subject, in an effort to ascertain whether he is engaged in interstate gambling in violation of the laws of the United States.

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Will remain in contact with [REDACTED]

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Will remain in contact with [REDACTED]

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The period of this report is extended to include investigation conducted at Des Plaines, Illinois on 12/12/62 and at Chicago and Arlington Heights, Illinois on 2/7/63, results of which were not available for inclusion in referenced report.

Information concerning [REDACTED] was furnished by [REDACTED] Illinois Bell Telephone Co., 106 West Eastman, Arlington Heights, Illinois.

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Information concerning telephone number TEmple 2-0066 was furnished by [REDACTED] Wisconsin Telephone Company, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Information regarding identities of subscribers of telephones located in Racine, Wisconsin, set forth in this report, was furnished 3/5/63, by [REDACTED] Racine Branch, Wisconsin Telephone Co., Racine, Wisconsin, and relates to telephone calls charged to OL 2-1390, which is listed to WILLIAM COVELLI, 7827 36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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Identity

MI T-1 is [] contacted by SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY.

MI T-2 is [] PCI, [] at Kenosha,
Wisconsin, by SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr.

MI T-3 is [] Kenosha, Wisconsin
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MI T-4 is [] contacted by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of:
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April 5, 1963

Office: Milwaukee

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Field Office File No.: MI 162-49

Bureau File No.: 162-777

Title: WILLIAM COVELLI

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis:

Results of telephone toll calls charged to Subject, 7827 36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wis., obtained. MI T-4 advised Subject and RIZZO visited Milwaukee, Wis. on Saturday, 2/23/63 and spent a good part of the evening with FRANK BALISTRIERI at Fazio's Restaurant. Informant said COVELLI appeared to be scared and that BALISTRIERI advised them they would have to lay low for six months or so. MI T-1 advised 2/25/63 that gambling games, operated in Kenosha, Wis. by Subject and RIZZO, are not operating due to "heat" from BIERNAT murder and orders of Chief of Police, STANLEY HAUKE DAHL, of Kenosha. ALBERT ALBANA, 3029 52nd Street, Kenosha, Wis. advised on 3/8/63 that he knows Subject and RIZZO, but does not know what they do for a living. He denied having any affiliation with COVELLI or RIZZO or any of their associates. MI T-2, advised 3/11/63 Subject left Kenosha 4th or 5th of March and had gone to Hot Springs, Ark. and that RIZZO possibly may have gone to the same place. MI T-1 advised 3/12/63 that LOUIS GRECO said that Subject was out of town and not available. MI T-1 also advised that [REDACTED] flew to Hot Springs, Ark. 3/12/63 to meet with Subject, who was already there and the two of them were going to operate a "book." Chief JENKINS, Racine P.D., advised 3/15/63 that RIZZO's [REDACTED] under pretext call by man from his department, told him that [REDACTED] were traveling together with Mr. and Mrs. BILL "WEISER" COVELLI and were due to arrive at Las Vegas, Nev. 3/15/63 and be back in Wis. sometime during the following week. [REDACTED] Wis., advised

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3/18/63 Subject was [redacted]

[redacted] On 3/19/63, Detectives [redacted], Racine P.D., provided explanation of telephone toll calls charged to Subject's telephone, OL 2-1390, Kenosha, Wis. MI T-3 advised 3/28/63 that Subject and RIZZO were out of town and had been gone several weeks. Informant also stated that Subject had gone to Los Angeles, Cal. to visit [redacted] whose true name [redacted]

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[redacted] Anonymous call received 3/20/63 at Kenosha, stating that Subject was in company with Chief of Police HAUKE DAHL on evening of 3/29/63 at Gerolmo's Tavern, 2201 56th Street, Kenosha, Wis. MI T-3 also advised that COP HAUKE DAHL and [redacted] were in attendance 2/18/63 at a party attended by all of the Kenosha gamblers at Dante's Tavern, 3029 52nd Street, Kenosha, Wis.

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DETAILS:

At Chicago, Illinois

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 2/18/63Records of the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The foregoing is not to be made public except upon
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[REDACTED] Chicago,
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On 2/7/63 at Arlington Heights, Illinois File # MI 162-49
Chicago 162-277
by SA [REDACTED] /MDW Date dictated 2/12/63

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On December 12, 1962, [redacted]
DesPlaines Credit Bureau, Lee Street, DesPlaines, Illinois,
advised SA [redacted] that [redacted]
[redacted] Illinois, has been in
file since 1955.

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He is 39 years of age, wife [redacted] 3 children
in 1957, had lived for 8 years at [redacted] Illinois,
address in 1957.

He was employed as [redacted] Philip Morris,
Chicago, in 1955; by the National Vendors, St. Louis,
Missouri, for one year in 1960. Recently he has been a self-
employed vendor, operating [redacted] out of his
Arlington Heights address.

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On February 12, 1963, Detective [redacted]
Arlington Heights, Illinois, Police Department, advised SA
[redacted] that his files reflect three traffic violations for
[redacted] since 1959.

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Information concerning [REDACTED]
was furnished by [REDACTED] Illinois Bell
Telephone Company, 106 West Eastman, Arlington Heights,
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At Eau Claire, Wisconsin

The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS J. GRAHAM:

On February 27, 1963, [redacted] Wisconsin Telephone Co., advised that telephone number TEmple 2-0066 is listed to the Variety Vending Co., Westgate Road, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He advised that [redacted] is listed to [redacted] Wisconsin.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] of the Variety Vending Co.

On February 27, 1963, [redacted] Northwestern Credit Bureaus, advised that [redacted] had a very good credit rating with his bureau. He said that [redacted] was approximately 35 years of age and was [redacted] the Variety Vending Co. He said he had a record [redacted] since 1950, and that [redacted] has always maintained a good credit rating. He said [redacted] had the reputation of being a good, hard-working man and a good businessman. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is married to [redacted] a reputable [redacted] Wisconsin. [redacted] also advised that [redacted] is the [redacted] of Hollywood, Florida. He advised [redacted] from the Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. His file contained nothing unfavorable concerning [redacted] or the Variety Vending Co.

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[redacted] advised that the Variety Vending Co. is engaged in the business of distributing vending machines which dispense drinks of various types, candy, etc. He stated that the Variety Vending Co. is apparently in good shape financially.

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On March 8, 1963, [redacted] Records Bureau, Eau Claire Police Department, advised the records of that department contained no record of arrest [redacted]

On March 8, 1963, [redacted] Jamieson and Company, stock brokers, advised he was formerly associated with [redacted] family in the vending and candy business, and he knew [redacted] at that time. He said [redacted] had the reputation for being a hard worker and a very reputable individual in the trade. He stated he knew of nothing unfavorable concerning [redacted]

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Date March 14, 1963

ALBERT ALBANA, also known as "Cadillac Al" was interviewed on March 7, 1963 and was advised that he did not have to make any statements, that any statements he made could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult an attorney.

ALBANA advised that he was born February 1, 1901 in New York City and that he has been a resident of Kenosha, Wisconsin for about 46 years, having come to Kenosha from New York City. He advised that with regard to his employment he had a fox and mink ranch in Benton Township, Illinois shortly after arriving in Kenosha. He advised that when World War II started he was asked to work in a defense plant because of his age and he went to work at the Kaiser Shipyards, Swan Island, Portland, Oregon, where he was employed from about 1942 to 1944. He stated that he arrived back in Kenosha, Wisconsin in about 1944 and since that time has been employed at J. I. Case Company in Racine, Wisconsin, Nash, Kenosha, Wisconsin, and Simmons Mattress in Kenosha, Wisconsin. He stated that because of his health he has had no employment for the past five or six years and that he lives off of his wife's income, adding that his wife works at American Motors.

He stated that he was arrested in 1929 on a bootlegging charge and was sentenced in Federal Court to serve a term of 13 months which he served at the House of Correction in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. He advised that he has been arrested on several other occasions but was not convicted. He declined to name the dates that he was arrested and also the charge for which he was arrested since he was not convicted of any of these charges.

He advised that at the present time he is having marital difficulty and that he only spends three or four nights a week at home. He stated that his marital difficulties stem from the fact that his present wife is going through her change of life and is very difficult to get along with. When asked where he was spending the remaining days of each week he declined to answer and when he was asked by the interviewing Agents if he was spending this time at Dante's Bar he stated "Well, if you know the answer, why did you ask."

On 3/7/63 at Kenosha, Wisconsin File # MI 162-49
MI 92-316
by SAs WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR., JOHN A.
HOLTZMAN and ALBERT B. KNICKREHM /jb Date dictated 3/8/63

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ALBANA was asked if it was true that he was employed by JOHN RIZZO who operates a gambling game next door to Greco's Restaurant. He said he was not so employed. When he was asked if it was true that he was employed as a doorman for RIZZO at RIZZO's gambling game, he denied that he was so employed. When he was asked if he knew JOHN RIZZO he said he did and that he has known RIZZO for about five years. He stated that he knows RIZZO only from hanging around Greco's Restaurant and doesn't know what RIZZO does for a living. When he was asked if he knew that RIZZO ran a gambling game next door to Greco's Restaurant, he stated that we would have to ask RIZZO about that, adding that he doesn't delve into other people's personal business.

When ALBANA was asked whether or not he knew DOMINIC PRINCIPE, he stated that PRINCIPE was a long-time friend of his and that he, ALBANA, was the [redacted]

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He stated that he has not seen PRINCIPE for about two weeks, adding that PRINCIPE, who is also known to him as "Popeye," has a restaurant and apartment houses in Lake Zurich, Illinois and spends most of his time there. He stated that PRINCIPE comes into Kenosha only on weekends. When he was asked if he has been to PRINCIPE's home within the past few weeks he stated that he did not recall but added that he has been to PRINCIPE's home on at least one occasion since the beginning of the year. He advised that PRINCIPE does not associate with the west side gang in Kenosha who all hang out at Greco's Restaurant from time to time, adding that PRINCIPE is busy with his business in Lake Zurich, Illinois and works on his home, which he is building in Kenosha, when he is in Kenosha on weekends. When asked if PRINCIPE had anything to do with the murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT he stated that he didn't know and added that he didn't think so, stating that PRINCIPE is not that type of an individual.

When ALBANA was asked whether or not he knew WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI he stated that he has known COVELLI all of his life. He stated that COVELLI is about 40 years old. When he was asked whether he knew what type of work COVELLI was doing, he stated that he does not know what COVELLI does for a living, adding that we would have to ask COVELLI about that. When it was pointed out to him that he claims to have known COVELLI all of COVELLI's life and that having known him that long it

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was only logical that he should know what COVELLI does for a living, he stated that he doesn't delve into the personal business of his friends. When he was asked if he knew that COVELLI was working at RIZZO's gambling game, he stated he did not know this.

He advised that he has absolutely no business affiliation with either WILLIAM COVELLI or JOHN RIZZO. He denied that he sometimes travels with COVELLI and RIZZO and specifically denied having been in Milwaukee, Wisconsin the last week in December of 1962 or the first week in January of 1963 with both RIZZO and COVELLI. When it was pointed out to him that we had information from reliable sources to the effect that he was in Milwaukee to see the Harlem Globetrotters during the first week of January, 1963 and in fact was seen at Gallagher's Steak House in the company of RIZZO and COVELLI, he emphatically denied any such association. When he was asked if RIZZO and COVELLI were in Milwaukee the first week in January of 1963, he stated he did not know whether or not they were, adding that we would have to ask them. He advised that he never heard of Gallagher's Steak House in Milwaukee and also never heard of the Talk of the Town in Milwaukee. He stated that he could not even recall when he was in Milwaukee the last time.

He was shown photographs of the following individuals and denied knowing or seeing any of these individuals. He also denied having any association with any of these individuals:

FRANK BALISTRIERI
STEVE DE SALVO
BUSTER BALESTRERE
AUGIE MANIACI
FRANCIS STELLOH

JOE GURERA
PETER BALISTRIERI

WALTER BROCCA

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ALBANA denied having any part in the abduction and murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT. He also denied having any knowledge of this crime. He advised that he had absolutely no idea who may have abducted and murdered BIERNAT nor did he have any idea as to why BIERNAT was killed. He advised that he knew BIERNAT but did not know him well, adding that this was a terrible crime. When it was pointed out to ALBANA that we had information from various sources to the effect that he had participated in this

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crime, he emphatically denied this, adding that our information was incorrect. He advised that if we would check back through his past history we would find that he is not a violent man. When he was asked if he would agree to taking a polygraph test he advised that he would have to consult his attorney first. He added that after consulting his attorney he probably would agree to taking such a test. When he was asked to sign a waiver in preparation for taking a polygraph test he declined to do so, stating he wanted to consult his attorney first.

The following description was taken from interview and observation:

Name:	ALBERT (no middle name) ALBANA, also known as "Cadillac Al"
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Birth Date:	February 1, 1901
Birth Place:	New York City
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	190 lbs.
Hair:	Brown, graying, receding
Eyes:	Brown, wears glasses
Scar:	1½" scar in hairline over left eyebrow (not readily noticeable)
First Wife:	[redacted] married San Diego, California; divorced; one son by this marriage who is named [redacted] [redacted] does not know his present whereabouts
Second Wife:	[redacted] [redacted] step-daughter ANITA, deceased five years ago; [redacted] [redacted]
Brothers & Sisters:	None
Parents:	Deceased

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin

On February 26, 1963, MI T-2 advised that Subject, BILL COVELLI, and JOHN CHARLES RIZZO of Kenosha, Wisconsin, visited Milwaukee on Saturday, February 23, 1963 and spent a good part of the evening with FRANK PETER BALISTRERI at Fazio's Restaurant. Informant said COVELLI appeared to be scared and that BALISTRERI advised them that they would have to lay low for six months or so.

On February 27, 28, 1963 and March 1, 1963, spot checks conducted of COVELLI's residence at 7827 36th Avenue, Kenosha, reflected COVELLI was staying close to his home and/or was visiting Greco's Restaurant, 2209 56th Street, Kenosha, which is also the listed address of COVELLI's Kenosha Vending Company business operation. COVELLI currently is driving a 1963 Dodge Dart, white in color, 1963 Wisconsin license E 84-821, registered to the Kenosha Vending Co. with address given of his home at 7827 36th Avenue. In residence garage was old model Rambler, 1963 Wisconsin license G 84-549, registered to ELEANORE V. COVELLI, same home address.

On February 25, 1963, MI T-1 advised the craps and poker gambling games operated by JOHN CHARLES RIZZO at Kenosha, in which Subject COVELLI is associated, are not operating due to "heat" from the BIERNAT murder and orders of Chief of Police HAUKEHAHL of Kenosha.

On March 11, 1963, MI T-2 advised discreet inquiries conducted by him of various patrons interested in craps and poker gambling determined there is a small "craps" game being conducted in rear of Friendly Tavern, 6210 14th Avenue, Kenosha, but this is allegedly only for the colored element and the West Side Italian crowd is not involved. Informant said he also learned BILL "WEISER" COVELLI left Kenosha during the middle of the previous week, possibly on the 4th or 5th of March and was said to have gone to Hot Springs, Arkansas and that RIZZO possibly also may have gone to the same place. Informant also said he learned COVELLI has some spot on 27th Avenue, Kenosha, exact address not yet learned, where he stores his cigarette machines and also has some juke boxes stored there.

On March 12, 1963, MI T-1 advised he telephoned LOUIS GRECO at Greco's restaurant, 2209 56th Street, Kenosha, on March 11, 1963 and asked to talk to COVELLI or AL ALBANA. GRECO refused to tell him where either was but only said they were out of town and not available. Informant also said that [redacted] told him he, [redacted] on

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March 12, 1963 to meet with COVELLI who was already there and the two of them were going to operate a "book" there.

Spot checks of COVELLI's residence at Kenosha on March 11-14, 1963 failed to locate COVELLI's 1963 Dodge Dart, 1963 Wisconsin license E 84-821.

On March 13, 1963, Chief of Police LEROY JENKINS, Racine, Wisconsin, advised that one of his men, Detective [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that date made a pretext call to RIZZO's [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED]

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On March 15, 1963, Detective [REDACTED] Racine, Wisconsin Police Department advised he made a pretext call to JOHN RIZZO's [REDACTED] Racine, Wisconsin and asked for RIZZO. She said she had heard from [REDACTED] the night before and they told her they were in Amarillo, Texas and would be leaving the next day for Las Vegas, Nevada and that BILL COVELLI and his wife were with them. She said [REDACTED] had left Racine, Wisconsin on March 10, 1963 and she was expecting them back in 10 or 12 days from the March 15 date and expected that would be around March 25, 1963.

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Detective [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] might have possibly "fibbed" regarding [REDACTED] location but it would be more likely that [REDACTED] might have told her they were at some city other than where they were actually staying to avoid directly involving [REDACTED] in any manner with any activity [REDACTED] might be engaged in.

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On March 18, 1963, [REDACTED] Wisconsin, advised that [REDACTED] BILL "WEISER" COVELLI [REDACTED]

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She also stated that [REDACTED]

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On March 18, 1963, MI T-1 advised he had heard that [REDACTED] a Milwaukee gambler, was down in Hot Springs, Arkansas and was supposed to meet JOHNNY RIZZO and BILL COVELLI there on that same day. They were planning to bet on a "fixed horse race" at Oakland Park on March 18, 1963.

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On March 28, 1963, MI T-3 advised Bureau agents that he has known BILL "WEISER" COVELLI since 1951 and thinks that he is currently in Los Angeles, California, where he has [REDACTED] (FNU) [REDACTED]

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MI T-3 on March 28, 1963, stated that BILL COVELLI's mother is living at 7827 36th Avenue, with BILL and ELEANORE COVELLI. Informant also advised that Mrs. LOUIS GRECO, Sr., wife of the proprietor of Greco's Restaurant, has been staying with WEISER's mother for the past two weeks, due to Mrs. COVELLI's being sick.

On the same date, MI T-3 stated that WEISER COVELLI is a partner [REDACTED] in the Kenosha Vending Company, 5611 22nd Avenue and that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for the Kenosha Vending Co.

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MI T-3 stated on March 28, 1963 that on February 18, 1963, he attended a party at Dante's Bar, 3029 52nd Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin and observed Chief of Police STANLEY HAUKE DAHL and [REDACTED] Kenosha Police Department, WEISER COVELLI, CARL "COOKIE" SCOLA, AL "CADILLAC AL" ALBANA, [REDACTED] and several other gamblers, all from the Kenosha area, at this party. He stated that Chief HAUKE DAHL [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were sitting with WEISER COVELLI the better part of the entire evening.

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MI T-3 stated on the same date that he overheard [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the Kenosha Vending Company, [REDACTED] state that he had told [REDACTED] in Kenosha, that unless he placed WEISER COVELLI's pinball, jukebox

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and cigarette vending machines in his tavern, [redacted] would renew [redacted] the tavern address. He also stated that [redacted] had included the business of Gerolmo's Wholesale Liquor Dealership in this statement. b6 b7C

MI T-3 further stated on March 28, 1963 that, sometime in December, 1962, prior to Christmas, WEISER COVELLI left a thick envelope at Greco's Restaurant, which was about the size of paper money, and COVELLI instructed [redacted] [redacted] the envelope to a man whose identity was unknown. He stated that when an unidentified man appeared at Greco's Restaurant, WEISER COVELLI did not show any recognition of this man as he picked up the envelope or when he walked past COVELLI as he left the restaurant. b7D

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On February 28, 1963, MI T-4 advised that on Saturday evening, February 23, 1963, FRANK BALISTRIERI, JOHN RIZZO and WEISER COVELLI met at Fazio's on 5th and talked alone for the most part but for a short time with LOUIS FAZIO. COVELLI was described by Informant as a "weak sister" and he appeared to be very scared on this occasion. During the evening, BALISTRIERI made statements that the "outfit" was going to lay low for the next six months and that, as a result of the BERNAT killing, heat was coming in from all over this area, including Kenosha, Antioch, Illinois, where the Vernon Hill County Club was located, and even from Elgin, Illinois, resulting in a disgusted attitude as to BALISTRIERI's and JOE GURERA's activities in killing BERNAT.

On March 12, 1963, MI T-1 advised he telephoned LOUIS GRECO at Greco's Restaurant, 2209 56th Street on March 11, 1963 and asked to talk to COVELLI or AL ALBANA. GRECO refused to tell him where either was, but only said they were out of town and not available. Informant said that [redacted] told him [redacted] was scheduled to fly to Hot Springs, Arkansas on March 12, 1963 to meet with COVELLI, who was already there and the two of them were going to operate a "book." b6 b7C

On March 18, 1963, MI T-1 advised he had heard that [redacted] a Milwaukee gambler, was down at Hot Springs, Arkansas and was supposed to meet JOHNNY RIZZO and BILL COVELLI there on that same day. They were planning to bet on a "fixed horse race" at Oakland Park on March 18, 1963 b6 b7C

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Date March 12, 1963

[redacted]
[redacted] advised that the following [redacted]
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[redacted] The following information is available upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum to [redacted] his duly designated representative:

[redacted]

On 3/5/63 at Racine, Wisconsin File # MI 162-49

by SA [redacted] /ef Date dictated 3/8/63

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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At Racine, Wisconsin

On March 19, 1963, Detectives [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Racine, Wisconsin Police Department, advised that
in regard to the names of individuals which had been obtained
[REDACTED] they had the following information:

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[REDACTED] is a well known attorney and former United States Congressman.

JOHN C. RIZZO, 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine County, is a known gambler and partner of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI.

DAVE SHEFT is a known gambler and at one time was reported to have had a "piece" of the Kenosha game operated by COVELLI and RIZZO at 22nd Avenue and 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

The Nobby Lobby Tavern, 1351 State Street, is also the location of "BIG ED's" Hotel (a rooming house), reportedly operated by one [REDACTED] FRANK JOE JANUZZI is believed to have been residing at this rooming house for some period of time and JANUZZI is a close friend of JOHN C. RIZZO, Kenosha gambler. JANUZZI is further reported to be a "stick man" at RIZZO's and COVELLI's game in Kenosha, and as far as is known JANUZZI has had no legitimate employment for some period of time.

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[REDACTED] JOHN C. RIZZO.

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The Lumia Realty Company [REDACTED] who

This individual is reported to be the [REDACTED] JOHN C. RIZZO and is, in fact, [REDACTED] at one time was reportedly a "stick man" at a "game" in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

STANLEY WOJSZKO, 1741 Franklin Street was last known to be employed by the J. I. Case Company as a laborer [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Corner House Restaurant up to approximately one year ago. [REDACTED] a bar known as the Elmwood Bar and Restaurant, 2427 Lathron Avenue, [REDACTED]

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and began working at American Motors in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

[REDACTED] name has come up with regard to possible gambling

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when other gambling inquiries had been conducted by the Racine Police Department in the Racine area.

The firm of Baumblatt and Goodman, attorneys, 429 Main Street, is also suspected of having a phone which is used by Attorney DOMENICK N. POSTORINO, and it is believed that POSTORINO has made calls to WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI from this phone. POSTORINO's

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The Elk's Club at 601 Lake Avenue is a place which has in the past been suspected of being the hangout of DOMENICK POSTORINO, and it is believed that he has on occasion used the public telephones for possible gambling purposes. The identities of the callers are not known to the Special Detail of the Racine Police Department. It is to be noted, however, that officers of the Elk's Club at Racine, Wisconsin, have publicly declared in the past their desire to have no one frequent the club who might be a professional gambler.



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MI T-1 is a Milwaukee hoodlum, who is closely associated with gamblers and other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area, particularly so with those in the Italian-American element and is aware of the current illegal activities.

MI T-2 is a Kenosha source, who is closely associated [redacted] [redacted] with a number of Kenosha gamblers, particularly those of the Italian-American element.

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MI T-3 is a Kenosha source, who is [redacted] [redacted] persons closely associated with hoodlums in the Kenosha and Milwaukee area.

MI T-4 is a Milwaukee source of Italian-American origin, [redacted] [redacted] Milwaukee Italian-American hoodlum element and who still remains in contact with this group.

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To: Director, FBI (162-777)
From: *RH/HK* SAC, Milwaukee (162-49) P
Subject: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
IGA
OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 3/29/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 4/1/63, information was received at Kenosha, Wisc., that an anonymous woman had called the Kenosha Resident Agency 3/30/63 and advised that Subject was in company of COP STANLEY HAUKE DAHL, Kenosha, Wisc., PD, at Geronimo's Tavern, 2201 - 56th St., Kenosha, most of the evening on 3/29/63. This meeting was apparently just between HAUKE DAHL and COVELLI as no other persons were mentioned as being in attendance.

On 4/1/63, [] advised that he had heard nothing further regarding current activities or plans to resume gambling operations by Subject and RIZZO in Kenosha, Wisc.

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 FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) - P -
 SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
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 OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 4/5/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 4/4/63 [redacted] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI were definitely in Hot Springs on Monday, 3/18/63 where they met [redacted] and that the horse, Whirling, in the ninth race on that date at Oak Lawn Park won and paid \$27.

Informant also advised that he learned that WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO went to the Los Angeles area to see ANDY LOCOCCO and while there at ANDY LOCOCCO's Club in Encino, California they ran into CHARLES PISCUINE, TOMMY MACHI [redacted]. Informant stated he does not know exactly when they were in Los Angeles but believes it was prior to their meeting [redacted] in Hot Springs, Ark. Informant also advised that CHARLES PISCUINE [redacted] have returned to Milwaukee but that TOMMY MACHI is still away, presumably in Las Vegas and he does not know the present whereabouts of RIZZO and COVELLI.

On 4/11/63, [redacted] Kenosha SO, advised that "WEISER" COVELLI and COP STANLEY HAUKEHAHL, Kenosha PD, were observed on numerous occasions at the horseraces in Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] stated this information

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was received from an anonymous caller to the Kenosha SO and this caller said, "We've done some gambling and go to the races in Chicago and we have seen COVELLI and HAUKE DAHL there almost every day".

On 4/11/63, Investigator [] also advised that hoodlums in Kenosha do not want HAUKE DAHL to go and are mustering forces in order to put pressure on the aldermen to get them to retain HAUKE DAHL as Kenosha's COP. [] stated that the investigation on HAUKE DAHL was stopped by the Kenosha mayor because too many people would have been hurt if the investigation on HAUKE DAHL had continued.

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On 4/11/63 Detectives [] Special Detail, Racine PD, advised SA [] that FRANK JANUZZI, Racine, Wisconsin, had applied for a license as a bartender in Racine. JANUZZI was a former "stick man" for the RIZZO - COVELLI games in Kenosha but due to current heat at Kenosha, the games have not been in operation. JANUZZI has made the statement that he has had to get a regular job now that the games have been discontinued.

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WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau 4/12/63

On 4/10/63, [redacted] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that [redacted] and Judge CHRIST SERAPHIM of Milwaukee, were also in "Hot Springs, Arkansas" while "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHNNY RIZZO were there and that COVELLI and RIZZO wined and dined Judge SERAPHIM and paid a great deal of attention to the judge. Informant said that he did not know the significance of COVELLI's and RIZZO's paying so much attention to SERAPHIM, but it possibly could be in view of the fact that SERAPHIM was the judge in the trial of FRANK BALISTRIERI, on a charge of allowing "B" girls to sit at tables with customers. He pointed out that if BALISTRIERI is found guilty of the charge, he will very possibly lose his liquor license at "The Downtowner" in Milwaukee.

Informant stated he also understood that Judge SERAPHIM, along with COVELLI and RIZZO, went to a hotel and watched a crap game there. Informant does not know whether Judge SERAPHIM participated in the game. He stated in this particular game there were six tables of crap games and pointed out he does not know the name of the particular hotel but did learn that PETER LIND HAYES and his wife were the entertainers at this hotel at that time. He also advised that [redacted] a Milwaukee bookie, was

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there along with a friend of JOE GURERA, from Kansas City. Informant stated from what he could learn there are four big crap games going on in Hot Springs, the majority of which are backed by the Chicago syndicate. There are two crap games located in downtown hotels, one near a race track and another one that moves from place to place and is of a seasonal nature in that it is just operated during the horse race season.

Informant also advised that he has also learned that BILL COVELLI's and JOHNNY RIZZO's crap game in Kenosha was still closed down.

On 4/16/63, [] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that COVELLI and RIZZO definitely have not re-opened their crap game at Kenosha.

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka.
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WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau 4/20/63.

On 4/16/63 [redacted] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHNNY RIZZO definitely have not reopened their crap game in Kenosha.

On 4/19/63 [redacted] PCI, advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. that in the last two weeks certain of the gamblers in Kenosha started opening up but only in the fields of horse betting and on sports such as baseball. In this regard a "friend" of COVELLI who has not yet been identified has visited a number of the better known horse race and sports gamblers such as RALPH MASARO, AL DE CESARO, [redacted] George's Bar, [redacted] and [redacted] Club 122, with a view to have these gamblers join with JOHN RIZZO in a central booking arrangement where all the bets would be called into one central location to be established. [redacted]

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[] PCI stated that this "friend" of COVELLI was careful in stating that COVELLI was not in the picture but only RIZZO and the whole arrangement was a "big deal" to give more opportunity to expand and operate with no risk especially to the places that were taverns and other places of business having legitimate ties.

PCI said that this whole arrangement appears to be an effort on the part of RIZZO and unquestionably COVELLI to "take over" on horse and baseball betting operations in Kenosha under guise of "service." PCI said that Kenosha still is tight on any "craps" and poker gambling and that none of the more famous spots such, as RIZZO's and DANTE's have reopened. PCI added that rumor is out that [] Dante's up for sale; that CARL "COOKIE" SCOLA, who ran the poker games at Dante's, is now a partner with RALPH MASARO in a delicatessen shop on the northwest corner of 63rd Street and 14th Avenue and it appears that all the gamblers are trying to get into some legitimate business for the time being.

On 4/23/63 [] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that as far as he knows COVELLI and RIZZO have not been to Milwaukee to see FRANK BALISTRERI or STEVE DE SALVO since they returned from Hot Springs, Arkansas. He advised that he is quite certain that COVELLI and RIZZO will not open their crap game in Kenosha for quite a period of time due to the heat from the BERNAT killing.

In regard to rumors that RIZZO and COVELLI had approached bookies in Kenosha and told them that they would furnish the line daily for 50% of their winnings, the informant said that this would be a ridiculous price and that none of the gamblers or bookies could afford to agree to it. He said that RIZZO and COVELLI would more likely charge a flat fee for this service as that is the way it is usually done. He said that they would probably be getting the line from Milwaukee bookies who in turn would obtain it from "the office."

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka.
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(OO: MILWAUKEE)

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 4/26/63.

During the week of April 29 through May 3, 1963, Bureau agents have conducted loose surveillance of subject at his residence at 7827 - 36th Avenue, and at his place of business, Kenosha Vending Company, 5611 - 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin, without developing any unusual activity. Subject apparently staying close to his home and occasionally frequents Gerolmo's Wholesale Liquor Business and Greco's Restaurant, both on 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

On May 2, 1963, "WEISER" COVELLI was observed by Bureau agents driving his personal car, 1963 Wisconsin registration, E 84-821, on Highway 38, heading south from Milwaukee towards Kenosha.

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On May 2, 1963, [redacted] Waukegan, Illinois (protect identity) advised SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM that some time in November, 1962, "WEISER" COVELLI approached [redacted] two others identified as JOE GURERA and STEVE DE SALVO. GURERA and DE SALVO, along with COVELLI wanted [redacted]

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In October, 1962, [redacted] advised he was having lunch at Greco's Restaurant, Kenosha, Wisconsin and "WEISER" COVELLI [redacted]

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[redacted] also stated that in his opinion "WEISER" COVELLI definitely knows who killed BIERNAT, but does not believe it was "WEISER" COVELLI who was actually in on the abduction and subsequent murder. He also stated that "WEISER's" brother, JEFF COVELLI, is nutty enough to have pulled the murder but [redacted] has nothing to substantiate his opinion.

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin

1. Will attempt to interview Subject at opportune time concerning his involvement in gambling and other racket activities.
2. Will continue to develop current activities and associates of Subject in an effort to ascertain whether he is engaged in interstate gambling in violation of the laws of the United States.
3. Will remain in contact [redacted] b7D
4. Will attempt to develop more sources of information concerning Kenosha gambling and Subject's relation to same.
5. Will remain in contact [redacted] b6
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6. Will re-interview [redacted]
[redacted] Wisconsin.
7. Will obtain current telephone toll call data on OL 2-1390, listed to Subject at 7827 - 36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1. Will remain in contact [redacted] b7D
2. Will contact PCI [redacted] pertaining to gambling activities in Kenosha and the connection Subject has with Milwaukee hoodlum element. b6
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The period of this report is extended to include information received at Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 3/22/63 [redacted] results of which were not available for inclusion in referenced report. b7D

INFORMANTS

Identity

MI T-1 is [redacted] contacted by SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY.

MI T-2 is [redacted] PCI, [redacted] at Kenosha, Wisconsin, contacted by SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr. b6
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MI T-3 is [redacted] contacted by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN.

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: Milwaukee
Date: May 7, 1963b6
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Field Office File No.: MI 162-49 Bureau File No.: 162-777

Title: WILLIAM COVELLI

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis: MI T-1 advised 3/22/63 that Subject and JOHNNY RIZZO went to Los Angeles area to see ANDY LO COCCO at Andy LoCocco's Club in Encino, California. MI T-1 advised 4/4/63 that Subject and JOHN RIZZO were definitely in Hot Springs, Ark. on Monday, 3/18/63 when they met [REDACTED] and that the horse Whirling in the 9th race on that date at Oak Lawn Park won and paid \$27. On 4/9/63, [REDACTED] advised that a woman in Kenosha, Wis., who has lived among the Italians most of her life, stated that Subject was not the type to have murdered ANTHONY BIERNAT, Kenosha jukebox vendor. On 4/10/63, MI T-1 advised that COVELLI and RIZZO wine and dined Judge SERAPHIM of Milwaukee while they were at Hot Springs, Ark. MI T-1 advised 4/16/63 that Subject and JOHNNY RIZZO definitely have not re-opened their crap game in Kenosha. MI T-2 advised 4/19/63 that in the last two weeks certain of the gamblers in Kenosha started opening up, but only in the fields of horse betting and on sports such as baseball. Informant also advised that a "friend" of Subject has visited a number of the better-known horse race and sports gamblers in Kenosha to have these gamblers join with JOHN RIZZO in a central booking arrangement. Informant also stated that this arrangement was unquestionably an effort on the part of COVELLI and RIZZO to "take over" all horse and baseball betting operations in Kenosha under the guise of "a service." MI T-3 advised 4/22/63 that COVELLI and RIZZO met with FRANK BALISTRIERI at Fazio's on 5th in Milwaukee one night during the week of 4/14/63. At this meeting, COVELLI remarked he had been on vacation to Hot Springs, Ark.

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DETAILS:

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

On April 19, 1963, MI T-2 advised that in the last two weeks certain of the gamblers in Kenosha started opening up but only in the fields of horse betting and on sports such as baseball. In this regard, a "friend" of COVELLI, who has not been further identified, has visited a number of the better-known horse race and sports gamblers, such as RALPH MASARO, AL DE CESARO.

[redacted] George's Bar, [redacted]
[redacted] Club 122, with a view to having these gamblers join with JOHN CHARLES RIZZO in a central booking arrangement where all the bets will be called into one central location, to be established. [redacted]
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[redacted] MI T-2 stated that this "friend" of COVELLI was careful in stating that COVELLI was not in the picture but only RIZZO and that the whole arrangement was a "big deal" to give more opportunity to expand and operate with no risk, especially to the places that were taverns and other places of business having legitimate ties. MI T-2 said that this whole arrangement appears to be an effort on the part of RIZZO and unquestionably COVELLI to "take over" on horse and baseball betting operations in Kenosha, under the guise of "service." MI T-2 also said that Kenosha still is tight on any "craps" and "poker" gambling and that none of the more famous spots, such as RIZZO's and DANTE's have re-opened.

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ALBERT
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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On April 9, 1963, [redacted] the Milwaukee Sentinel, was interviewed relative to previous information that he reportedly gave [redacted] in which he asked [redacted] had looked into the fact that JEFF COVELLI [redacted] were seen at the North Shore Railroad Station in Kenosha, Wisconsin on January 7, 1963, the night in which ANTHONY BIERNAT was abducted and murdered. [redacted] also reportedly asked [redacted] had questioned a person by the name [redacted] and who had [redacted]

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[redacted] reportedly could identify both COVELLI [redacted] who was described as a close friend of JEFF COVELLI.

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[redacted] stated that with regard to information he gave [redacted] to the effect that JEFF COVELLI was in the North Shore Station on the night of January 7, 1963, that he had received this information from a woman in Kenosha who has lived amongst the Italians most of her life. He advised that this woman told him that if one of the COVELLI boys, referring to JEFF or WILLIAM COVELLI, was responsible for the murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT, she would have to put the finger on JEFF COVELLI more so than WILLIAM "WEISER".

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[redacted] stated that according to this woman, "WEISER" COVELLI would not be the type to have committed this murder, but that in her opinion, JEFF COVELLI would be capable of doing such a thing. [redacted] advised that when he talked [redacted] he made a much more positive statement [redacted] then he should have, and that his information was only speculative.

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With regard to the name [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that this name should have been [redacted]

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He advised that while [redacted] was employed days [redacted]
[redacted] was employed as
[redacted] at night, and that [redacted] was the one
who could identify COVELLI [redacted]

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[redacted] have returned to Milwaukee, Wisconsin but TOMMY MACHI is still away, presumably in Las Vegas, and he does not know the present whereabouts of RIZZO and COVELLI.

MI T-1 advised April 1, 1963 that [redacted] a Kenosha gambler, was definitely approached by the outfit last year for a cut on his game, but that he does not know exactly who approached [redacted] but he is quite certain that the individuals who did this were from the group composed of BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA, WILLIE COVELLI, and JOHN RIZZO. He also advised that he has seen [redacted] playing cards with BUSTER BALESTRERE at RIZZO's gambling place in Kenosha and knows that [redacted] plays gin rummy and poker from time to time with COVELLI, RIZZO, and "CADILLAC AL" ALBANA, at [redacted] gambling place and at RIZZO's.

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On April 10, 1963, MI T-1 advised that [redacted] Judge CHRIST SERAPHIM of Milwaukee were also in Hot Springs, Arkansas while JOHNNY RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI were there and that RIZZO and COVELLI wined and dined Judge SERAPHIM and paid a great deal of attention to him. MI T-1 stated that he did not know the significance of COVELLI's and RIZZO's paying so much attention to SERAPHIM, but it could possibly be in view of the fact that SERAPHIM is at the present time the judge in the trial of FRANK BALISTRIERI on a charge of allowing "B" girls to sit at tables with customers. He pointed out that if BALISTRIERI is found guilty of this charge, he will very possibly lose his liquor license at the "Downtowner" in Milwaukee. MI T-1 also stated that he has understood that Judge SERAPHIM, along with COVELLI and RIZZO, went to one of the hotels and watched a crap game there. He does not know whether Judge SERAPHIM participated in this game. He stated in this particular game there were six tables of crap games and while he does not know the name of the particular hotel, he did learn that PETER LIND HAYES and his wife were entertainers at this hotel at that time. He

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
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WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 5/3/63

On 4/23/63 [] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that as far as he knows, COVELLI and RIZZO have not been to Milwaukee to see FRANK BALISTRIERI or STEVE DE SALVO since they returned from Hot Springs, Ark. Informant advised that he is quite certain that COVELLI and RIZZO will not open their crap game in Kenosha for quite a period of time due to the heat of the BIERNAT killing. The informant also advised in regard to the rumors that COVELLI and RIZZO had approached bookies in Kenosha and told them that they would furnish the line daily for 50% of the winnings, that this would be a ridiculous price and that none of the gamblers or bookies could afford to agree to it. He stated that COVELLI and RIZZO would more likely charge a flat fee for this service as that is the way it is usually done. He said that they would probably be getting their line from Milwaukee bookies, who in turn would obtain it from "the office."

On 5/7/63, [] Kenosha County Sheriff's Office, Kenosha, Wisconsin, advised he had received information that five cigarette vending machines manufactured by Eastern Electric Co., Medford, Mass, models CM-57-MKII-22, belonging to Dependable Vendors Co., Downers Grove, Cook County, Ill., were stolen and transported to Kenosha, Wisconsin during the evening of 5/6/63. The serial numbers were removed on all but one of these cigarette vending machines and this number was 13555.

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Investigator [] advised these machines were delivered to the Jay Bee Auto Body Paint Shop, 3902 Wilson Road, Kenosha, Wis. and were worked on by an unknown Subject during the evening of 5/7/63.

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Subject is a partner in the Kenosha Vending Co., 5611 - 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, Wis. and a suspect in Milwaukee file 92-257, abduction and murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT, former Kenosha jukebox vendor.

In connection with this information, leads have been set out to the Chicago Division in an attempt to ascertain if this information is correct and to obtain facts pertaining to this theft.

On 5/8/63, Bureau agents observed "WEISER" COVELLI traveling north on Route 38. This information was relayed to other Bureau agents and COVELLI, driving a 1963 white Dodge Dart stationwagon, 1963 Wisconsin registration E84-821, was followed to the Metropolitan Block Building, 1012 North 3rd Street, Milwaukee, Wis. COVELLI was observed transferring papers, books, and a tan folder from the white Dodge to a woman who was identified as being small and having auburn or reddish-tinted hair. This woman helped COVELLI take the papers, etc. into the building and onto the elevator.

At the time COVELLI entered the Metropolitan Block Building, Bureau agents observed a black Cadillac convertible, 1963 Illinois registration [] parked in front of the Metropolitan Block Building, 1012 North 3rd Street, Milwaukee.

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Shortly after COVELLI departed from the 1012 North 3rd St. building, he entered the white Dodge, bearing Wisconsin registration E 84-821 and headed south toward Route 38, traveling at a high rate of speed. COVELLI attempted to shake the surveilling Bureau agents, but was followed to his residence at 7827 36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wis. Upon arrival at his residence, COVELLI drove into the driveway, got out of his car

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and ran into the house. (It was noted by the surveilling agents that the directory of the Metropolitan Block Building, 1012 North 3rd Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, listed the following rooms which may have been the rooms that COVELLI entered:

Bal-Fran Bonding Co.
Room 502

HENRY SHELLLOW,
Room 522

HENRY SHELLLOW is an accountant [redacted] is known to the Milwaukee Division as having done considerable work for the Milwaukee hoodlum element, especially FRANK BALISTRERI.)

On 5/8/63, Bureau agents also observed 1963 Wisconsin registration [redacted] parked in front of COVELLI's residence. This vehicle is registered [redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin. On this same date, Deputy [redacted] Kenosha, County S.O. advised that [redacted] in Kenosha and a close friend of "WEISER" COVELLI. He also advised that the Kenosha S.O. had received rumors that [redacted] had participated in several burglaries with DOMINIC "POPEYE" PRINCIPE (Milwaukee file 92-138). [redacted] is currently working [redacted] in Kenosha and is described as being approximately [redacted]

On 5/9/63, there was no activity noted at COVELLI's residence and both cars listed to the COVELLI family were gone from the garage. Numerous spot checks of COVELLI's hang-outs failed to locate COVELLI that date.

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Date: 5/17/63

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)
 FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49)-P
 SUBJECT : WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
 IGA

OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 5/10/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 4/29/63 [] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHNNY RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI have not been in Milwaukee to consult with members of the outfit here as far as he knows since January of this year, and that he does not believe they will come to Milwaukee as long as the "heat" is on them for the BIERNAT killing. Informant advised that in regards to rumors that RIZZO and COVELLI approached other bookies in Kenosha and demanded 50 per cent of their winnings to furnish the line weekly, informant stated that he still has not learned anything concerning this but that he would be inclined to think that it was more a deal where the bookies would turn all of their bets to RIZZO and COVELLI and in turn would receive 50 per cent of the profits from COVELLI and RIZZO. He stated that this would actually make these individuals runners rather than real bookies themselves. He said that COVELLI and RIZZO have definitely not re-opened their crap game in Kenosha unless it is on a very restricted basis for Kenosha people only and that none of the Milwaukee gamblers have been going there.

On 5/6/63 [] advised SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM that COVELLI and RIZZO are supposed to be going to the track every day at Sportsman's but doesn't believe they are booking. He stated that they are betting on information that they received at the track. With regard to COVELLI coming to Milwaukee, he advised that when COVELLI does come to Milwaukee he usually stops at the Talk of the Town at 5th and Wells to see [] after which he goes to see FRANK BALISTRIERI. He also advised

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that COVELLI and RIZZO have not re-opened their crap game.

On 5/13/63 there were no pertinent developments concerning this investigation.

On 5/14/63 spot checks were made of COVELLI at his home, place of business, at his usual hangouts, without developing any unusual activity. COVELLI was alone and apparently working on matters pertaining to his cigarette vending business.

On 5/15/63 COVELLI was followed around the Kenosha area from his home to COVELLI's delicatessen, 2300 75th Street and then to Buratti's Tap, Roosevelt Road and then to Greco's Restaurant on 55th Street. Following his arrival at Greco's Restaurant, he was observed assisting workmen in the hanging of a new door at that location. There was no unusual activity noted in the area at this time. On this date Bureau agents observed a white over tan Chrysler, 1963 Wisconsin registration [redacted] pick up JOHN RIZZO on Emmerston Road, Racine, Wisconsin. This vehicle registered to [redacted] Racine, Wisconsin. Did not make any attempt to contact subject.

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On 5/15/63 NICK COVELLI, doing business at Gino's Tap, 518 58th Street, Kenosha, advised that subject had approached him to place his vending machines and juke boxes into NICK COVELLI's new bar at 5701 22nd Avenue when he opens this bar next month, but NICK advised subject that he would continue to do business with the Lakeside Music Company, formerly operated by the deceased ANTHONY BIERNAT. (MI file # 92-257).

On 5/16/63 NICK COVELLI was re-interview and he stated that subject definitely had not approached him to take out BIERNAT's juke boxes and replace them with subject's.

On 5/15/63 [redacted] Kenosha PD, advised that subject as a "pretty solid kid", and definitely did not have anything to do with the BIERNAT abduction and murder.

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On 5/17/63 [] advised that he had conferred with subject and that subject positively would not talk to the FBI. (It is noted that Bureau agents have made personal contact with COVELLI in the recent past and at this time he refused to talk to them at all.)

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On 5/17/63 Chief Investigator [] Kenosha SO, furnished an arrest record for subject obtained from a confidential source from the Kenosha PD, and it listed only traffic arrest dating from 12/23/49 through 5/4/59. This arrest record failed to reflect any criminal arrests.

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On 5/17/63 Bureau agents spot checked subject's home and place of business without developing any unusual activity.

On 5/17/63 FRANK JANUZZI, Mid-Towne Hotel, Racine, Wisconsin, advised that subject had been associated with JOHN RIZZO in a "card game" at the 56th Street cigar store, Kenosha, Wisconsin, until approximately 12/62 and that the games were called off at that time. He also stated that you couldn't find a good card game in Kenosha now due to the current investigation being conducted by local and Federal officers.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)

FROM: ~~AT~~ SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) (P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
IGA
OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 5-17-63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 5-14-63 [] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that FRANK JANUZZI of Racine has been a stick man and door man for JOHN RIZZO at his gambling joint in Kenosha, Wisconsin for years. He stated that up until a short time ago, FRANK was operating a book which he believes he was operating for RIZZO and was receiving the payment of \$100 a week for working the book and \$25 for every night he worked RIZZO's crap game. Informant also stated that WILLIAM COVELLI and RIZZO, as far as he knows, are not operating their crap game in Kenosha at the present time, but both of them have a book going - one in Kenosha and one in Racine. He said that COVELLI and RIZZO have someone operating these books for them, and they do not handle the operation themselves.

Informant advised that on Saturday, 5-4-63, BILL COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO, along with two individuals unknown to informant, were at the horse races at the Sportsman's Race Track. He said that RIZZO has a box there.

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On 5-20-63 there were no pertinent developments concerning this investigation.

On 5-21-63 Bureau Agents conducted spot checks of subject's home, 7827 36th Avenue, Kenosha, and his business premice, Kenosha Vending Company, 5611 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, without nothing any unusual activity on the part of subject.

On 5-22-63 [redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin (protect identity) advised that COVELLI was moving his storage warehouse for cigarette vending machines and juke boxes to the space next to Greco's Restaurant, and this address was formerly operated as the 56th Street Cigar Store at 2207 56th Street. She also stated that COVELLI may appear to be meek and mild mannered, but in reality has a violent temper. She also advised that "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO have not resumed their gambling game on 56th Street.

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On 5-23-63 [redacted] PCI, advised that she has observed several cars, belonging to Kenosha area gamblers, parked near Greco's Restaurant but the owners were not around. Later, she learned that they had been gambling upstairs over Greco's Restaurant on 56th Street.

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More pertinent information has been requested of this source.

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FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) - P -
SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
IGA
OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 5/27/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 5/27/63 [] advised SA []
at Milwaukee that he had no pertinent information concerning
the current gambling situation in Kenosha.

On 5/28/63 Subject was observed at his home and at
Greco's Restaurant on 56th Street periodically throughout the
day by Bureau Agents. On this same date, []

[] JEFF
COVELLI advised that she knew of a considerable amount of
gambling activity formerly conducted at Greco's Restaurant by
Subject and JOHN RIZZO.

On 5/28/63 [] Jay Bee Auto Body
Company, 2013 63rd Street, advised that several cigarette
vending machines had been brought into his paint shop []
[] for reconditioning and repainting. He advised that he
knew of no connection between these cigarette vending machines
and WEISER COVELLI. [] also advised that []
[] Freddy's Tap, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

On 5/29/63 Bureau Agents observed COVELLI at his
home and at Greco's Restaurant with no apparent activity. During
the evening on this date COVELLI was noticed to be in the
company of AL ALBANA, LOU GRECO [] playing cards at

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Greco's Restaurant in the early part of the evening.

On 5/31/63 [redacted] PCI, telephonically contacted the Milwaukee Office and advised that COVELLI has been asking her questions [redacted]

[redacted] She also stated that during the evening of 5/29/63, while Bureau Agents were conducting a fisur in the vicinity of Greco's Restaurant, 56th Street, WEISER COVELLI sent AL ALBANA out for a newspaper so that COVELLI could [redacted]

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SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

June 7, 1963

Covelli is a hoodlum subject of criminal intelligence inquiries in Milwaukee and is a suspect in the murder of Anthony J. Biernat, a Kenosha, Wisconsin, jukebox operator who was murdered in gangland style in January, 1963. In view of the questionable nature of Covelli's story Milwaukee is being requested to submit their views with respect to the utilization of a polygraph.

Milwaukee is being instructed to thoroughly resolve the allegation of FBI involvement.

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RGENT 6-7-63 10 AM W

TO - DIRECTOR, FBI /162-777/

FROM - SAC, MILWAUKEE /162-49/ 3 P
INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES
WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA, IGA, OO MI.

[REDACTED] MILWAUKEE, ADVISED EARLY AM THIS

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DATE CLIENT WILLIAM COVELLI HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED BY TWO MEN WHO
STATED THEY WERE FBI AGENTS.

UPON INTERVIEW, COVELLI, IN PRESENCE [REDACTED] WHO VOLUNTEERED
CLIENT AND WHO ADVISED WOULD VOLUNTEER INFORMATION CONCERNING

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MATTER. FOLLOWING INFORMATION TAKEN FROM COVELLI AND BEING
INCORPORATED INTO SIGNED STATEMENT - COVELLI WHILE DRIVING HOME IN
KENOSHA ABOUT TEN FORTYFIVE PM JUNE SIX SIXTYTHREE, WAS STOPPED
BY A CAR WITH SIREN AND FLASHING RED LIGHT. TWO INDIVIDUALS CAME
TO HIS CAR, ADVISED HIM THEY WERE FBI AGENTS, HANDCUFFED HIM
AND PUT HIM INTO THEIR CAR. THEY PLACED A HOOD OVER HIS HEAD AND
THEREAFTER DROVE HIM TO WHAT COVELLI BELIEVED WAS ABANDONED HOUSE.

TOOK HIM INTO BASEMENT AND TO A DAMP AREA, WHERE THEY SHOWN A LIGHT ON
THE GROUND INDICATING A GRAVE. THEY RAISED HIS HOOD HIGH ENOUGH
TO SEE THE HOLE DUG IN THE GROUND. SAID THIS WAS WHERE BODY OF
BIERNAT WAS FOUND. OF GRAVE FITS BIERNAT SITUATION.

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SUBJECTS THEN QUESTIONED COVELLI AS TO HIS POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN THE BIERNAT KILLING. COVELLI STATES HE TOLD THEM HE KNEW NOTHING CONCERNING THE MATTER. SUBJECT WAS THEN SHOWN GUN AND SAID THEY WERE GOING TO PLAY RUSSIAN ROULETTE. THEY TURNED THE CHAMBER OF THE GUN AND THEN SNAPPED THE HAMMER BEHIND COVELLI'S HEAD SEVERAL TIMES. AFTER CONSIDERABLE TIME, THEY TOOK COVELLI FROM THE HOUSE AND RETURNED TO KENOSHA, WIS. THEY LEFT HIM OFF ABOUT TWO AM JUNE SEVEN SIXTYTHREE NEAR A COUNTY GARAGE ON SIXTIETH STREET, KENOSHA. THEY THREW HIS CAR KEYS ON THE GROUND AND SAID HIS CAR WAS JUST DOWN A WAYS. COVELLI AT THIS POINT WATCHED CAR DISAPPEAR, AND HE DESCRIBED IT AS A PLYMOUTH AUTOMOBILE WITH RED LIGHT ON TOP. HE STATED LICENSE WAS COVERED OVER AND HE WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE THIS. MEAGER DESCRIPTIONS OBTAINED RE SUBJECTS, AS COVELLI STATES HOOD WAS OVER HIS HEAD MOST OF THE TIME AND IT WAS VERY DARK.

FURTHER, SUBJECT STATED AT END OF CONVERSATION THAT THEY WERE NOT FBI AGENTS BUT WERE HELPING FBI IN THIS MATTER AS THE

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FBI COULD NOT DO THIS THEMSELVES.

COVELLIS CAR WILL BE PROCESSED AND USA WILL BE CONTACTED
RE AN OPINION. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT
PROMPTLY ADVISED. DETAILED AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

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URGENT 6-8-63 9-56PM GTC

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /162-777/

FROM SAC, MILWAUKEE /162-49/

WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA FGA. OO-MILWAUKEE.

AVAILABLE EMPLOYEES GRECO-S RESTAURANT KENOSHA, WIS. FROM WHICH COVELLI LEFT SHORTLY BEFORE ABDUCTION, INTERVIEWED BUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. REMAINDER WILL BE INTERVIEWED MONDAY WHEN AVAILABLE.

KENOSHA, WIS. SAID BETWEEN TEN FIFTEEN PM AND TEN FORTYFIVE PM SIX SIX LAST SHE HEARD SIREN AND LOOKED OUT SECOND FLOOR WINDOW AND OBSERVED WHITE STATION WAGON PARKED AT CURB WITH MEDIUM BLUE CADILLAC ALONGSIDE. LATTER HAD RED FLASHER EITHER ON FENDER OR SPOT LIGHT. TWO MEN GOT OUT OF THIS CAR AND HANDCUFFED MAN FROM PARKED CAR AND DROVE OFF WITH HIM IN BACK SEAT OF CADILLAC, LEAVING STATIONWAGON PARKED WITH MOTOR RUNNING AND LIGHTS ON. THE CADILLAC HAD YELLOW AND GREEN ILLINOIS LICENSE PLATES. SHE WENT TO TELEPHONE TO CALL POLICE BUT RETURNED TO WINDOW WITHOUT MAKING CALL BECAUSE HEARD STATION WAGON MOVING. SHE SAW IT MOVING DOWN STREET WITH LIGHTS OUT. SHE IS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANYONE BUT STATES MAN FROM STATIONWAGON WORE WHITE SHIRT AND OTHER TWO MEN WERE BAREHEADED. WORE SUIT COATS AND WERE WHITE MEN.

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INVESTIGATION OF AREA WHERE NEIGHBORS HEARD THREE SHOT GUN
BLASTS NEGATIVE.

EFFORTS CONTINUING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW FRANK PETER
BALISTRERI.

KENOSHA PD AND KENOSHA SO CONTACTED BUT HAD NO NEW INFORMATION.

ON THEORY ABDUCTION MAY HAVE BEEN HOODLUM TACTIC, PERSONS
SUSPECTED IN BIERNAT CASE WILL BE INTERVIEWED INCLUDING JOHN C.
RIZZO, GAMBLING PARTNER OF COVELLI, FRED COVELLI, BROTHER OF
WILLIAM, AND ALBERT ALBANA, FORMER DOORMAN AT RIZZO-COVELLI
DICE GAME. CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO INTERVIEW OF MILWAUKEE
HOODLUMS STEVE DE SALVO, BUSTER BALISTRERE, AND FRANCIS STELLOH
AND DOMINIC PRINCIPE, RESTAURANT OWNER, ILLINOIS.

COMPLETE SUMMARY AIRTEL WILL BE SUBMITTED AND CHICAGO WILL
BE REQUESTED TO MAKE INVESTIGATION THROUGH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
TO POSSIBLY IDENTIFY CADILLAC AND OCCUPANTS.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

June 11, 1963

Balistrieri is leading hoodlum in Milwaukee. He has alleged through his attorney that he acco~~x~~sted individual believed by him to be an Agent. On interview Balistrieri denies that he ever threatened or assaulted individual alleged to have been following him. Milwaukee Office has advised thereg~~i~~s no substance to Balistrieri's allegations and has so informed his attorney. Investigation being pressed.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 162-777

FROM SAC, MILWAUKEE 162-49

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WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA, IGA. OO MILWAUKEE.

REMITEL TO BUREAU JUNE EIGHT INSTANT.

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED JUNE TEN INSTANT. STATED HE DETECTED SURVEILLANCE ONE NIGHT ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO AND STOPPED HIS CAR TO FIND OUT. HE SAW A FRIEND, WALTER BROCCA, IN NEIGHBORHOOD AND ASKED WHETHER HE KNEW WHO WAS IN THE FOLLOWING CAR. BROCCA AT FIRST SAID THEY WERE POLICE, SO BALISTRIERI ASKED DRIVER FOR HIS BADGE NUMBER, BUT NONE WAS GIVEN, DRIVER REFUSED TO IDENTIFY SELF. BROCCA THEN SAID THEY WERE FBI, SO BALISTRIERI MERELY TOOK LICENSE NUMBER, WHICH HE DOESN'T RECALL, AND WENT HOME. THERE WAS NO INCIDENT IN WHICH BALISTRIERI EITHER THREATENED OR GRASPED THE DRIVER AS ALLEGED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COVELLI.

BALISTRIERI SAID HE WAS AWARE OF STATUTE ON ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICERS AND ANY ASSAULT WAS FARTHEST FROM HIS MIND, THEN AND NOW. OTHER HOODLUMS BEING INTERVIEWED CONCERNING COVELLI ABDUCTION STORY.

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6-12-63 11-04 AM W

TO - DIRECTOR, FBI /162-777/

FROM - SAC, MILWAUKEE /162/40/ P 2 P

WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA. IGA. OO MILWAUKEE.

RE MI TEL JUNE ELEVEN LAST.

THE FOLLOWING HOODLUMS, MILWAUKEE, WIS. CONTACTED NIGHT
OF JUNE ELEVEN LAST AND REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED - WALTER
F. BROCCA, FOUR ZERO TWO THREE SOUTH KANSAS, STEVEN DE SALVO,
CHECKER CLEANERS, ONE ZERO ONE TWO SOUTH FIRST STREET, BUSTER
BALESTRERE, SIXTEEN THIRTY FOUR NORTH JACKSON, FRANK LA. GALBO,
FIFTEEN FOUR FOUR NORTH FARWELL.

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MIKE ALBANO, FOUR ONE FOUR NORTH SEVENTEENTH STREET,
MILWAUKEE, WIS. DENIED KNOWING WILLIAM COVELLI AND STATED HE
HAS NOT BEEN IN KENOSHA, WIS. FOR OVER A YEAR. HE READ
NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF COVELLI'S ABDUCTION BUT HAS NO INFORMATION.
AUGUST MANIACI, TWO ONE TWO ONE NORTH NEWHALL, MILWAUKEE,
WIS. GAVE ACCOUNT OF HIS ACTIVITIES THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,
JUNE SIX AND SEVEN LAST AND CLAIMS HE DOES NOT KNOW WILLIAM
COVELLI, THINKS FBI CONNECTION WITH COVELLI MATTER RIDICULOUS.

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AND SPECULATED MIGHT BE COMMITTED BY FRIENDS OF DECEASED
BIERNAT. CONTACT AT RESIDENCE AND SEVERAL ACQUAINTANCES OF
FRANK STELLOH WERE NEGATIVE IN LOCATING STELLOH FOR INTERVIEW.

CONTACTS MADE AT PLACES FREQUENTED BY HOODLUMS TO ASCERTAIN
ACTIVITIES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THIRTY MORE HOODLUMS, KENOSHA
AND MILWAUKEE, WILL BE INTERVIEWED ON THIS MATTER AND IN THE
CASE OF ANY REFUSING INTERVIEW INQUIRIES WILL BE MADE OF
INFORMANTS AND PLACES OF HANGOUT CONCERNING THEIR ACTIVITIES
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TO - DIRECTOR, FBI /162-777/

FROM - SAC, MILWAUKEE /162-49/ P 4 P

WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA, IGA. OO. MILWAUKEE.

RE MILWAUKEE TEL TO BUREAU DATED JUNE ELEVEN INSTANT.

ON JUNE ELEVEN INSTANT, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE JOHN COFFEY
AND DETECTIVE [REDACTED] WHO IS WORKING FOR JUDGE COFFEY ON A
JOHN DOE GRAND JURY IN MILWAUKEE, WIS., ADVISED THAT ATTORNEY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GAVE THEM LICENSE
NUMBER OF AN AUTOMOBILE, WHICH COVELLI CLAIMS HAD BEEN SURVEILLING
HIM AROUND THE KENOSHA AREA AND MILWAUKEE, WIS., ABOUT FIVE WEEKS
AGO AND WHICH HE BELIEVES MIGHT BELONG TO PERSONS WHO ALLEGEDLY
ABDUCTED COVELLI ON JUNE SIX LAST. DETECTIVE [REDACTED] ATTEMPTED TO
CHECK REGISTRATION THROUGH MOTOR VEHICLE DEPT., MADISON, WIS., AND
MVD IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED MILWAUKEE OFFICE THAT INQUIRY WAS BEING
MADE ON ONE OF ITS LICENSES. JUDGE COFFEY AND DETECTIVE [REDACTED]
STATE THEY BELIEVE [REDACTED] IS ATTEMPTING TO EMBARRASS THE FBI, AND
[REDACTED] HAS MADE STATEMENT THAT HE WILL OBTAIN LARGE RECOVERY IN
CIVIL DAMAGES FOR COVELLI IF HE CAN ESTABLISH THAT FBI AGENTS OR

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POLICE OFFICERS HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH COVELLIS ABDUCTION.

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DETECTIVE [REDACTED] ADVISED A [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO IS BELIEVED TO HAVE COME TO MILWAUKEE FROM CHICAGO, ILL., IN MAY, SIXTYTWO, WAS RECENTLY ARRESTED IN MILWAUKEE, WIS., AND [REDACTED] HAS EXHIBITED UNUSUAL CONCERN IN HER CASE. A NOTEBOOK FOUND ON THE ARREST [REDACTED] ACCORDING [REDACTED] CONTAINS THE NAMES OF FOUR MEMBERS OF LOCAL TWO HUNDRED TEAMSTERS UNION WITH THE NOTATION QUOTE REFERRED BY [REDACTED] UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] SUSPECTS [REDACTED] MAY HAVE BEEN PROCURRING [REDACTED]

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SENTINEL, CONTACTED THE ASAC ON JUNE ELEVEN INSTANT TO ADVISE THAT ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE TEN INSTANT ANOTHER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT [REDACTED] HAS THE LICENSE NUMBER OF AN AUTOMOBILE WHICH [REDACTED] IS CONVINCED IS REGISTERED TO THE FBI, AND THAT [REDACTED] IS DESIROUS OF HAVING A NEWS ARTICLE PRINTED THAT WOULD INFER THIS WAS THE CAR USED IN THE ABDUCTION OF COVELLI. [REDACTED] ALSO REVEALED THAT [REDACTED] WAS PLANNING TO HAVE A SECRET LIE DETECTOR TEST GIVEN TO COVELLI BY THE REED POLYGRAPH FIRM IN

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CHICAGO, THE RESULTS OF THIS TEST TO BE SUPPLIED TO THE NEWSPAPER FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES, HOPING TO ENTICE DEMANDS IN THE NEWS MEDIA TO HAVE SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FBI TAKE LIE DETECTOR TEST. [REDACTED] REVEALED THAT [REDACTED] RELATED [REDACTED] NAMES OF THREE AGENTS OF THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE. NAMES DISCUSSED WERE AGENTS WHO HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN INVESTIGATING HOODLUM MATTERS AND WHO HAVE HAD OCCASION TO INTERVIEW VARIOUS HOODLUMS DURING THE BIERNAT INVESTIGATION.

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[REDACTED] AND HIS SUPERIOR [REDACTED] CONCLUDE ENTIRE COVELLI ABDUCTION STORY IS A PLANNED HOAX DESIGNED TO FORCE FBI TO DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATIONS OF HOODLUMS AND TO ATTEMPT TO CAUSE EMBARRASSMENT TO FBI. [REDACTED] VOLUNTEERED HE AND HIS IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR HAVE DECIDED NOT TO PREPARE ANY ADDITIONAL ARTICLES ON THE COVELLI INCIDENT AS IT WOULD POSSIBLY SERVE THE PURPOSE OF

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[REDACTED] SCHEME. [REDACTED] POINTED OUT THAT HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO CONTROL [REDACTED] AND CONSIDERS [REDACTED] TO BE A QUOTE LOW UNQUOTE CHARACTER, SINCE HE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IS TO BE ADVISED OF ANY ARTICLES PREPARED BY ANY REPORTER ON THE COVELLI MATTER AND [REDACTED] VOLUNTEERED HE WOULD SUPPLY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THESE TO THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE PRIOR TO THEIR BEING PRINTED.

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WSTA CASE BEING OPENED ON UNSUB, [REDACTED]
VICTIM, AND WILL BE VIGOROUSLY PURSUED, AS THIS COULD POSSIBLY
DEVELOP VALUABLE INFORMATION RELATING [REDACTED]

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NEWS ARTICLES CONTROLLABLE [REDACTED] WILL BE
FOLLOWED CLOSELY. INTERVIEWS OF HODLUMS RELATIVE TO COVELLI
ABDUCTION SOTRY CONTINUING.

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URGENT 6-8-63 4-24
TO DIRECTOR, FBI 162-777

FROM SAC, MILWAUKEE 162-49
also known as Interstate Gambling Activities Office of Origin
WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA, IGA. OO MILWAUKEE.

MILWAUKEE TELETYPE
RE TEL TO DIRECTOR DATED SIX SEVEN SIXTYTHREE.

COVELLI GAVE SIGNED STATEMENT THAT HE LEFT GRECO-S RESTAURANT, KENOSHA, TEN-THIRTY P.M., JUNE SIX INSTANT AND DROVE TOWARD HOME. WAS STOPPED BY CAR WITH SIREN AND RED FLASHER ON TOP AT ROOSEVELT ROAD AND THIRTYSIXTH AVE. MAN APPROACHED HIM SAYING QUOTE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION UNQUOTE AND PULLED HIM OUT OF CAR, HAND-CUFFED HIM AND PUSHED HIM INTO OTHER CAR. TOOK OFF COVELLI-S GLASSES AND PUT HOOD OVER HIS HEAD. ONE MAN DROVE WHILE OTHER SAT IN BACK SEAT WITH COVELLI. THEY TOOK HIM TO PLACE THEY SAID BIERNAT HAD BEEN BURIED AND SHOWED HIM HOLE AND ASKED IF HE KNEW WHO DUG IT. THEY LIFTED HOOD ONLY TO SHOW GRAVE. WHEN COVELLI SAID HE DID NOT KNOW, THEY SAID THEY WOULD PLAY RUSSIAN ROULETTE, EXHIBITING REVOLVER. THEY THEN SHOWED COVELLI GRAVE AGAIN AND ASKED WHO KILLED BIERNAT. WHEN COVELLI SAID HE DID NOT KNOW, THEY PULLED TRIGGER OF GUN HELD BEHIND HIS EAR. THIS PROCEDURE WAS FOLLOWED ABOUT FOUR TIMES BETWEEN WHICH COVELLI WAS QUESTIONED AND TOLD HIM HE WAS LUCKY HE HAD NOT GOT THE BULLET. THEN COVELLI WAS

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ORDERED TO WRITE SOME NAMES WHICH WERE TO BE DICTATED TO HIM, BUT HE WAS NOT FREED FROM HANDCUFFS AND WRITING NEVER TOOK PLACE. COVELLI WAS ACCUSED OF INTRODUCING BIERNAT TO STEVE DE SALVO AND JOSEPH GURERA. THEN MEN WENT THROUGH COVELLI-S POCKETS, AND APPARENTLY TOOK DRIVER LICENSE AND TWO SLIPS OF PAPER OF NO IMPORTANCE. THEY SAID THEY WOULD FRAME COVELLI AND HAD HIS HANDWRITING. THEY THEN DROVE COVELLI BACK TO KENOSHA AND DROPPED HIM AT ABOUT SIXTIETH STREET AND SIXTIETH AVENUE, RETURNING GLASSES, TAKING HOOD AND TOSSING HIM HIS CAR KEYS SAYING CAR WAS DOWN A COUPLE BLOCKS. COVELLI DESCRIBED SUSPECT CAR POSSIBLY FIVE OR SIX YEAR OLD PLYMOUTH IN SOME COLOR OTHER THAN BLACK. FLASHER WAS ON TOP AND SMALLER THAN USED BY KENOSHA PD. DRIVER OF CAR WAS ABOUT FIVE FEET ELEVEN, SLENDER AND WORE GLASSES. OTHER MAN WAS SIX FEET, ONE NINTYFIVE LBS., FORTYFIVE YEARS AND RUDDY. COVELLI SAID HE ASKED IF FBI DID SUCH THINGS AND RECEIVED ANSWER THESE MEN WERE NOT FBI, BUT FRIENDS OF FBI WHO DID THIS KIND OF WORK BECAUSE FBI COULD NOT DO IT. COVELLI COMPLAINED OF IRRITATION FROM HANDCUFFS. AND WRISTS SHOWED SLIGHT RED MARKS. SA-S WILLIAM J. HIGGINS AND CHARLES F. AHERN ONLY AGENTS ON DUTY IN KENOSHA ON SIX SIX SIXTYTHREE WERE NOT WORKING THAT NIGHT. END PAGE TWO

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APPROPRIATE AFFIDAVITS BEING OBTAINED.

WILLIAM COVELLI IDENTIFIED SPOT WHERE ANTHONY J. BIERNAT BODY WAS FOUND IN CELLAR OF ABANDONED FARM HOUSE IN KENOSHA COUNTY, WISCONSIN AS PLACE TO WHICH HE WAS ALLEGEDLY TAKEN THE EVENING OF SIX SIX SIXTYTHREE. EXAMINATION OF DIRT BASEMENT OF HOUSE CONTAINED INDICATIONS THAT ALL FOOT PRINTS HAD BEEN SWEEPED CLEAN ALTHOUGH THERE WERE INDICATIONS FROM OLD CIGARETTE PACKS AND OTHER MATERIAL THAT PLACE HAD BEEN FREQUENTED IN THE PAST.

COVELLI-S CAR PROCESSED FOR FINGERPRINTS AND TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS OBTAINED. ELIMINATION PRINTS OBTAINED FROM COVELLI AND TWO OTHERS WITH ACCESS TO CAR, AND BEING OBTAINED FROM FOURTH INDIVIDUAL WHO DROVE CAR.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND PLASTER CASTS MADE OF TIRE TREADS FOUND IN DRIVEWAY OF FARMYARD, WHICH NEIGHBORS ADVISE IS RENDEZVOUS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND HUNTERS.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS. TEN PERSONS INTERVIEWED AT PLACE OF ABDUCTION HEARD SIREN AND SAW CAR VARIOUSLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A CADILLAC LINCOLN, PLYMOUTH, OR DODGE WITH RED FLASHER ON TOP OR ON SIDE WITH COLOR DESCRIBED AS DARK, WHITE, OR BLUE PARKED ALONGSIDE ANOTHER CAR AT THIRTY-
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SIXTH AVE. AND ROOSEVELT, KENOSHA, WISC. THIS OCCURRED BETWEEN TEN THIRTY P.M. AND MIDNIGHT SIX SIX SIXTYTHREE. SOME SAID OBSERVED MAN TAKEN FROM PARKED CAR INTO POLICE CAR WHICH DROVE OFF, LEAVING ON LIGHTS OF PARKED CAR. A MINUTE LATER EITHER THE POLICE CAR OR ANOTHER CAR RETURNED TO THE PARKED CAR, LEAVING OUT A PASSENGER AND DRIVING ON. THE PASSENGER TURNED OFF THE LIGHTS OF THE PARKED CAR, AND THEN DROVE IT WITH LIGHTS OUT UNTIL CAME TO NEXT CORNER AND DISSAPPEARED. NO MARKINGS OBSERVED ON POLICE CAR WHICH WAS DESCRIBED AS NOT SAME AS KENOSHA PD CARS.

ONE NEIGHBOR OF FARM HOUSE OBSERVED WHAT HE BELIEVED MIGHT BE A BLACK NINETEEN FIFTYNINE FORD PARKED ABOUT ONE A.M. SIX SEVEN SIXTYTHREE IN DRIVEWAY OF HOUSE WHERE BIERNAT BODY FOUND. ONE NEIGHBORING FAMILY OF THREE PEOPLE STATED HEARD THREE SHOTS LIKE SHOTGUN IN VICINITY OF FARMHOUSE SOMETIME BETWEEN TEN P.M. AND TWELVE P.M. ON SIX SIX SIXTYTHREE. FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF AREA BEING MADE.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION NEGATIVE AT SIXTIETH STREET AND SIXTIETH AVE., KENOSHA, WISC. WHERE COVELLI CLAIMS RELEASED FROM POLICE CAR, AND AT FIFTYSEVENTH AVE. AND SIXTIETH STREET, KENOSHA,
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WISC. WHERE COVELLI STATED HE RECOVERED HIS CAR ON INFORMATION GIVEN BY ABDUCTORS.

[REDACTED] OF WILLIAM COVELLI, ADVISED HIS CLIENT WILL NOT SUBMIT TO POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION UNLESS CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET WHICH HE WILL OUTLINE IN LETTER HE WILL FORWARD THIS WEEKEND TO MILWAUKEE OFFICE AFTER HE GIVES MATTER SOME THOUGHT. SAYS PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED ABOUT QUALITY OF POLYGRAPH OPERATOR AND POSSIBLE DEVIATION FROM SUBJECT MATTER OF ALLEGED ABDUCTION OF QUESTIONS ASKED COVELLI. IN VIEW OF [REDACTED] POSITION AND FACT THAT WITNESSES TEND TO CORROBORATE COVELLI-S ABDUCTION STORY, IT IS NOT RECOMMENDED HE BE GIVEN POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION.

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RE MILWAUKEE ARITEL MAY THIRTYONE CAPTIONED PCI [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WHO COMMENTED THAT [REDACTED] ACCORDING TO FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] BALISTRIERI INVITED INFORMANT TO GO ON DOUBLE DATE WITH HIM [REDACTED] AS HE WAS INTERESTED IN QUOTE STUDYING THIS TYPE OF PERSON UNQUOTE.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FURNISHED [REDACTED] TODAY THAT BALISTRIERI, ALSO A CLIENT, ALLEGED AN INCIDENT OCCURRED ABOUT
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FIVE DAYS AGO, THAT HE WAS SURVEILLED ¹⁾AD AFTER HAVING A COUPLE OF DRINKS HE APPROACHED A CAR BELIEVED BY HIM TO BE SURVEILLING, OPENED THE DOOR AND GRABBED OCCUPANT BY SHIRT FRONT, COCKED HIS FIST AND REQUESTED IDENTIFICATION. OCCUPANT ALLEGEDLY ADVISED QUOTE I-M A POLICEMAN WITH THE FBI UNQUOTE. BALISTRIERI LET GO OF SHIRT AND ALLEGEDLY OBTAINED NAME OF PERSON AS KNICKREHM. SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM ASSIGNED TO CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, INTERVIEWS NUMEROUS HOODLUMS AND KNOWN BY THEM. ADVISED SITUATION DID NOT OCCUR. APPROPRIATE AFFIDAVIT BEING OBTAINED FROM SA KNICKREHM AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO BUREAU PROMPTLY.

[] STATED BALISTRIERI IS ANXIOUS TO ENCOUNTER AN FBI AGENT ON SURVEILLANCE WHO REFUSES IDENTIFICATION, AS HE IS LOOKING FOR CHANCE TO HIT ONE AND THEN NOT BE LIABLE FOR PROSECUTION FOR ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER. [] STATED BALISTRIERI NOT CONCERNED ABOUT STATE ASSAULT AND BATTERY CHARGE. [] STATED HE WOULD BE PLEASED WITH SUCH ACTION OF BALISTRIERI.

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AS BUREAU IS AWARE, MILWAUKEE OFFICE HAS BEEN INTENSIFYING ITS EFFORTS IN THE CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, WHICH HAS INVOLVED IN ADDITION, INTERVIEWS WITH PERSONS IN HOODLUM ELEMENT.

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THIS HAS BEEN INTENSIFIED PARTICULARLY DUE TO THE BIERNAT MATTER. IT IS FELT THAT THIS WORK DONE BY THIS OFFICE HAS RESULTED IN CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE BEING PLACED ON HOODLUM ELEMENT, AND IT APPEARS REASONABLE TO EXPECT THAT THESE HOODLUMS WILL FABRICATE EVERY CONCEIVABLE STORY IN THEIR EFFORTS TO THWART INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES OF FBI. MILWAUKEE IS NOT RELEASING ITS PRESSURE ON THIS ELEMENT. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY ADDITIONAL EFFORTS BY HOODLUMS IN THIS REGARD.

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TO SAC MILWAUKEE

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

WILLIAM COVELLI, HOODLUM ACTIVITIES, MILWAUKEE DIVISION.

FOR YOUR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AT THIS TIME, THE DEPARTMENT TODAY ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] THE ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION WILL BE IN MILWAUKEE ON MONDAY, JUNE SEVENTEEN, ONE NINE SIX THREE, TO ASSIST USA IN CONVENING A GRAND JURY, PROBABLY DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY, ONE NINE SIX THREE. THIS GRAND JURY WILL INQUIRE INTO THE MURDER OF ANTHONY J. BIERNAT AND INTO THE IMPERSONATION OF FBI AGENTS IN THE ALLEGED COVELLI ABDUCTION. THE CONVENING OF THIS GRAND JURY SHOULD BE OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO YOUR OFFICE IN YOUR INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE THE IDENTITIES OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ALLEGEDLY ABDUCTED COVELLI.

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IMMEDIATELY ASSEMBLE A LIST OF HOODLUMS WHO SHOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE THIS GRAND JURY TOGETHER WITH PERTINENT INFORMATION AS TO WHAT EACH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS CAN BE EXPECTED TO TESTIFY TO. ANY INFORMATION TENDING TO ESTABLISH POSSIBILITY OF VIOLATION OF FEDERAL

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Radiogram to Milwaukee
Re: William Covelli

LAW ON THE PART OF ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE ASSEMBLED IN APPROPRIATE FORM FOR THE USE OF THE DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY. SIMILAR REQUESTS BEING MADE BY DEPARTMENT OF OTHER FEDERAL INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO DEVELOPING ANY INFORMATION INDICATING [] [] HAS ACTED AS A PROCURER. THE DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THAT TO ASSIST YOU IN YOUR INTERVIEWS DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY [] WILL MAKE AVAILABLE TO YOU GRAND JURY SUBPOENAS FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO REFUSE TO COOPERATE WITH YOU IN YOUR INQUIRIES OR WHO APPEAR TO BE IN POSSESSION OF INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE GRAND JURY INQUIRY. PRESS ALL ASPECTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION. KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS BY DAILY RADIOGRAM.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49)

WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA
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Re Milwaukee teletypes to Bureau 6-8-63, wherein there is reported an allegation by WILLIAM COVELLI that two men representing themselves as being FBI Agents, abducted him on the evening of 6-6-63.

At the time of this alleged happening, two Agents only were on duty in the Kenosha, Wis. area. They were WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. and CHARLES F. AHERN, both of whom have signed affidavits categorically denying any participation in the actions alleged by COVELLI, and describing their activities on the evening of 6-6-63.

On 6-7-63, [redacted] at Milwaukee, Wis., who was [redacted] WILLIAM COVELLI, advised that FRANK BALISTRERI [redacted] alleged that about five days previously, BALISTRERI approached an automobile he believed was surveilling him, grabbed the occupant by the front of his shirt, cocked his fist and requested identification. According to [redacted] the occupant told BALISTRERI, "I am a policeman with the FBI." BALISTRERI left this man alone, after obtaining his name as being KNICKREHM.

Enclosed herewith is an affidavit of SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM denying this event occurred.

Enclosures to Bureau -- Original and 1 copy of each of three affidavits aforementioned.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On June 7, 1963, [redacted] Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised that FRANK BALISTRERI, who is a client of his, alleged that about five days previous, BALISTRERI, thinking he was being surveilled, approached a surveilling car, opened the door, grabbed the occupant by the front of his shirt, cocked his fist and requested identification. According to [redacted] the occupant reportedly advised BALISTRERI, "I am a policeman with the FBI," whereupon BALISTRERI let go of the occupant's shirt and allegedly obtained the name of the person as being KNICKREHM.

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I emphatically deny that any such incident took place. It is to be noted that FRANK BALISTRERI is a top hoodlum of the Milwaukee office. Inasmuch as I am assigned to the Criminal Intelligence Program, I have interviewed numerous hoodlums in the Milwaukee area; therefore, it is possible that BALISTRERI obtained my name from one of these individuals.

I wish to state that should any such incident ever occur whereupon I would be assaulted by any individual, immediate and appropriate action would be taken by myself.

Albert B. Knickrehm
SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM

Subscribed to and sworn before me this
10th day of June, 1963

Paul H. Stoddard
SAC PAUL H. STODDARD

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 10, 1963

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:


I have been informed of the allegation of WILLIAM COVELLI of Kenosha, Wisconsin, to the effect that he was abducted at Kenosha, Wisconsin on June 6, 1963, at 10:30 P.M., by two men who represented themselves as FBI Agents.

On the evening of June 6, 1963, I returned to the Kenosha Resident Agency office at approximately 8:15 P.M., and wrote personal correspondence until about 10:50 P.M., when I left the resident agency enroute to the residence of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. Because I forgot a personal item (cigarettes), I returned to the resident agency office a few minutes after 11:00 P.M., and then proceeded to SA HIGGINS' residence, where I remained over night.

I categorically and unequivocally deny participation in or any relationship whatsoever to COVELLI's alleged abduction.


SA CHARLES F. AHERN

Subscribed to and sworn before me
this 10th day of June, 1963


SAC PAUL H. STODDARD

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 10, 1963

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have been informed of the allegation of WILLIAM COVELLI of Kenosha, Wis., [redacted] to the effect that COVELLI was abducted at Kenosha, Wis. on June 6, 1963 at approximately 10:30 P.M. by two men who represented themselves as FBI Agents.

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On the evening of June 6, 1963, I departed from the Kenosha, Wis. Resident Agency office at 720 59th Place, Kenosha, at 7:16 P.M., to deposit mail at the U. S. Post Office for Milwaukee and to return Bureau car number 31 to the contract garage, located at 63rd and Sheridan Road, known as Ralph's Cities Service Garage. I completed parking the car 7:31 P.M. and walked to my residence located [redacted] Kenosha, where I remained with my family the balance of the evening and did not depart from the premises. Shortly after 11:00 P.M., SA CHARLES F. AHERN came to the residence on an earlier invitation to remain there over night while he was in Kenosha, and after his arrival neither AHERN nor I left the residence.

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I categorically and unequivocally deny participation in or having any relationship whatsoever to COVELLI's alleged abduction.


SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.

Subscribed to and sworn before me
this 10th day of June, 1963


ASAC J. WALLACE LA PRADE

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)
SAC, CHICAGO (162-277)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) (P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka.
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OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Milwaukee tels (2) to Bureau dated 6/8/63,
of which Chicago received no copies.

The following is a summary of all investigation to date:

At about 4 a.m. on 6/7/63 [redacted] WILLIAM COVELLI, called SAC PAUL H. STODDARD by telephone to advise that his client had been kidnapped on the previous evening and released some hours later. He said that COVELLI told him that two FBI Agents had kidnapped him. [redacted] said there was no indication of interstate transportation but STODDARD said it appeared that there might have been an impersonation involved. Therefore, arrangements were made for immediate interview of COVELLI. [redacted] insisted that he be present at the time [redacted] was interviewed.

[redacted] also informed that he wanted to pick up [redacted] Milwaukee PD Detective, who has been detached from the department to work for the John Doe inquiry which has been in progress in Milwaukee for the past year. [redacted] was informed by SAC STODDARD that the FBI would conduct its own investigations and would interview COVELLI, and any business that [redacted] had [redacted] would have to be conducted separately. Thereafter, SAC STODDARD and Agents ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND and RICHARD C.

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THOMPSON proceeded to Kenosha where COVELLI was first interviewed at his home. After the scope of the matter had been ascertained, the following signed statement was taken from COVELLI at the Kenosha Resident Agency:

"Kenosha, Wisconsin
June 7, 1963

"I, William Covelli, make the following voluntary statement to Alexander P. Le Grand and Richard C. Thompson, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce me to make this statement, and I make it of my own free will. I am _____ who is present at the making of this statement.

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"I reside at 7827 36th Ave., Kenosha, Wis. I was born Oct. 5th, 1919, in Kenosha, Wis.

"On the evening of June 6, 1963, I left Greco's Restaurant, 22 Ave. and 56 St., Kenosha, at about 10:30 PM. I drove out Roosevelt Road to the corner of 36th Ave., and made a left turn, toward my home. Just after I turned, I heard a siren and I saw a car that had a red flasher on top pull up beside me. I stopped my car, and the other car stopped beside me, on my left. A man jumped out of the car and opened my car door. I said, "What do you want?" The man said, "Federal Bureau of Investigation", and he pulled me out of the car and said, "This has gone far enough". Then he turned me so I faced the car and put handcuffs on me, behind my back. Then he pushed me into the back seat of the car with the red flasher, taking my glasses off after he did so. Then this man got into the back seat with me. He put a hood over my head. It seemed

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"like a wool sweater, loose at the bottom where it came about to my chin. The car pulled away. Shortly thereafter I asked whether they had taken the keys out of my car, but I got no answer. Then we drove a long time - maybe about 45 minutes. Nothing was said during this drive. It was very dark, and I could see nothing. I think we went over some paved roads and some gravel or dirt roads. I noted only about 3 on-coming cars. Then we stopped and the lights went out on the car I was in. Then someone said, "Get out." I couldn't move well with the handcuffs behing me, so the man who sat next to me helped me out of the car. Then either he or the driver took me by the belt, in the middle of my back, and guided me some yards and then down some steps. The man said, "Step down", and I went down one step. He continued similar instructions, and I kept going down steps - maybe 3 or 4 of them. Then one man said, "Put your head down", and I did, but just grazed my head a little on some over-head obstruction. Then the man guided me forward perhaps ten yards. Then we stood around for awhile. Then I was guided to a sort of guard rail and held over it. Then my hood was raised, and I saw a hole with a little water in it. The hole was about 3½ feet deep, 7 feet long and 5 feet wide. One of the men had a small flashlight which was shined on the hole. One man said, "Do you know who dug that hole, that's where Biernat was buried?" - or words to that effect. I said I didn't know. Then the man who held my belt pushed me down onto the ground. One of the men had tipped up my hood so I could look into the hole, but he put the hood down again before he pushed me down. Then there was a wait. Then one man asked me if I knew who murdered Biernat. I said I didn't know anything about it. Then one man said, "Then we'll have to play a little Russian roulette". He lifted

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"up my hood and for a second or so and showed me that he was taking the bullets out of the cylinder of his gun. The gun was a short model, and I cannot say what calibre. The gun was dark. Then one man told me to get up. He guided me to the hole again and leaned me over the guard rail. Then one of the men again pulled up my hood and shined the light into the hole and said, "Who killed Biernat?" I said I didn't know, and he repeated the question about three times. Then one of the men pulled the trigger of a gun that was against my head just behind my right ear. Then the man that held my belt pushed me down on the ground again. This process was repeated about four times, and in between these episodes both men talked. They said I was lucky that I hadn't got the bullet and asked whether I knew what my chance was of getting it the next time. They asked if I were sorry for my wife and kids, as I was going to get killed. They said that the Covellis were used to getting killed, as my father was killed. They asked if I were afraid of the mob, to which I answered, "What mob?" One of the men asked who [redacted] was, and I told him it was [redacted]. Then one of the men said, "You are going to give us some names." I asked, "What names?" The man said he would take the handcuffs off and tell me what to write. He said, "You will write the names that we tell you". Then he mentioned the names of Joe Gurera and Steve De Salvo. I said I couldn't write any names down, if I couldn't prove it. The men didn't take my cuffs off, although they touched them once, as if they were going to remove the cuffs. One of the men said, "You introduced somebody to Tony Biernat." I said I didn't. He said I was lying, as Tony had told him so.

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"One of the men had walked away, but he came back and said, "Let's take him somewhere else." Then the men pulled me up. We stood there about five minutes. Then one of the men reached into my left pocket and pulled out a folder of business cards. He went through them. Later I noticed that there were two slips of paper missing from this folder. The man also pulled some currency out of my pocket, but put it back. Then one man said, "Now we are going to frame you. I've got what I want - your handwriting - and he mumbled some other things. Then he pulled some hairs from the back of my head. Then I was guided out again. Outside we waited for the other man (the one not guiding me). Then the man that held my belt pressed something against my hand. I asked what that was, but got no answer. Then I heard a car door slam, and the other man came back and said, "O.K." Then we got into the car again. Nothing was said as we drove. I could feel that I was sitting on a blanket. About mid-way during the drive one man said he was going to take my handcuffs off, but I shouldn't try anything funny. I said, "Do you think I'm nuts," and he took the cuffs off and told me to keep my hands in my lap. We continued the trip and I was dropped off in Kenosha on 60th Street and about 54 or 55 Ave. As I was dropped off, the man sitting with me in the back seat of the car turned me toward the car door, put my glasses in my shirt pocket and pulled my hood off just as he pushed me out the door. The car had stopped, but started up again even before the man in the back seat had closed the car door. I tried to get the license number as the car pulled away, but saw none - only a light in the middle of the rear end of the car where I thought the license should have been.

"About 10 or 15 minutes before I was put out of the car, the car stopped and the driver got out and did something at the back of the car.

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"When I was put out of the car, the man in the back seat threw my keys out the door onto the pavement. He said, "Your car is down a couple blocks."

"The car looked to me like a 5 or 6 year old Plymouth of some color, not black. The flasher on top was smaller than those on Kenosha police cars. There was no lettering on the car.

"The driver of the car was slender and wore glasses. I estimate that he was about 5 feet 11 inches tall. I can't say anything else about the driver.

"The man who was in the back seat with me was about 6 feet tall and weighed about 195 lbs. I think he was about 45 years old. His complexion was ruddy. I saw him for only for seconds when he got me out of my car and when he released me.

"It was about 2 or 2:15 AM on June 7, 1963, when I was released. There are still some red marks on my wrists from the handcuffs. It is now 10:15 AM of June 7, 1963.

"On going through my folder, I observed that my drivers license is now missing, although I had it last night.

"While at the place which was said to be Biernat's grave, I said that I did not think that the F. B. I. treated people like this. One of the men said, "We aren't the F. B. I., we are friends of the F. B. I., and we do this kind of work, because they can't do it."

"I volunteer to take a lie-detector test on any of the material covered in the fore-going statement. I give my permission for the dusting of my car for finger-prints.

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"I read this statement consisting of two and one half pages and it is true.

"/s/ William Covelli

"Witness:

Richard C. Thompson
Special Agent, F.B.I., Milwaukee Office, June 7, 1963

Alexander P. Le Grand
Special Agent, FBI, Milwaukee, Wis. 6/7/63"

On 6/7/63 COVELLI was taken to the site of recovery of the body of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT which had been found buried in the basement of an abandoned farmhouse. Careful examination was made of the dirt floor in this basement and no footprints were found, and there were indications that all footprints had been obliterated by someone. The dirt clearly showed the footprints of agents and COVELLI as an inspection was made of the area. COVELLI identified the spot as the place to which he had been taken by persons he alleged abducted him. He denied ever having been to this spot before that occasion.

It is noted that in his signed statement COVELLI described the hole in which his abductors stated BIERNAT had been buried as three and one half feet deep, seven feet long and five feet wide. It was noted that the hole was filled with water to within a couple inches of the top and it would have been impossible to estimate the depth of the hole. Probing with a stick disclosed that it was several feet deep.

Tire tracks were observed in the yard of the farm house. Photographs and plaster casts were made of these tracks.

Farmers who used the road past this farmhouse were interviewed on 6/7/63 with the following results by SAs RICHARD C. THOMPSON and ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND:

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_____ Wis. stated that at 1:00 AM 6/7/63 he observed a black automobile which he thought might possibly have been a 1959 Ford, facing outward in the driveway of the farmhouse.

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_____ Wisconsin, advised that sometime between 10:00 and 12:00 midnight they heard three shots they believed from a shotgun coming from the direction of the farm. There appeared to be some doubt at first whether the sounds were on 6/5/63 or 6/6/63 before they decided it was on 6/6/63. _____

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_____ stated that about 10:00 PM an old car with a loud muffler, otherwise undescribed, made about four trips down the road, but he doesn't know who drove the car.

_____ Wis., left the area for work at 10:00 PM 6/6/63 and observed nothing.

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All of these individuals advised there are hunters and lovers who frequent the pertinent farm, and that gunfire in the area is not unusual.

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On 6/7/63, SA CHARLES F. AHERN conducted a neighborhood investigation with negative results at 60th Avenue and 60th Street where COVELLI stated he was left out by his alleged abductors. It is noted that COVELLI in his signed statement said he was left out at 60th Street and about 54th or 55th Ave., but on 6/7/63 he had been taken to the spot he was allegedly released and identified it as 60th Street and 60th Ave. COVELLI on 6/7/63 identified the exact spot where his car was allegedly recovered. An examination of this spot and neighborhood investigation were negative.

On 6/7/63, SAs RICHARD C. THOMPSON and ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND conducted the following neighborhood investigation at 36th Ave. and Roosevelt, Kenosha, Wisconsin, which was the spot from which COVELLI claimed to be abducted:

_____, heard a siren between 10:30 PM and 10:45 PM, 6/6/63, saw two men from a new model car, not otherwise described, arrest a man from another car and leave. No red light was on the car. They believe this car must have gone around the block because a minute later a fellow was dropped off from a car, and drove off in the car of the arrested man. They noted that the lights of the arrested man's car had been left on, but as it was being driven off the man turned off the lights and turned right at the next corner.

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_____, Kenosha, advised that late on 6/6/63, they heard a siren and looked out and saw a 1959 Lincoln of dark color stop alongside of another automobile. Two men from the Lincoln took an individual from the other car and put him in the back seat of the Lincoln and drive off. A few minutes later another automobile dropped off a man who then drove off in the car of the arrested man after turning off the lights of this automobile.

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They are unable to describe any of the individuals involved except that one of the men in the Lincoln was approximately 6 feet. They saw no red flasher on the Lincoln automobile.

_____ advised that at approximately eleven PM, 6/6/63, she heard a siren but saw nothing.

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_____ advised that shortly before eleven PM on 6/6/63 they heard a siren and observed a car with red light flashing pull another over to the curb. They heard a man in the car pulled over state, "What do you think you're doing?" _____ believed a red flasher was on the top of the automobile with the siren, but _____ thought it was on the side of the automobile. They thought the car with the siren was dark in color and the car pulled to the side a cream color. Because of the darkness they could not see what happened. Later, another car came by slowly and they saw an individual drive the cream colored automobile away with lights out.

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_____ advised that between 11 PM and 11:30 PM on 6/6/63 they heard a siren and saw a white Cadillac with a red light on the left fender flashing pull another automobile to the curb across the street. They saw two men from the white Cadillac take a man out of the other car and frisk him and then put him into the Cadillac, leaving the other automobile with lights turned on. A minute later, another automobile, which they believed to be a blue 1947 Plymouth or Dodge, came by with two men in it and one of these men drove off in the parked car after turning off its lights.

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_____, advised that on 6/6/63, shortly after 11 PM, they heard a siren and observed a Plymouth with big fins, probably blue in color, pull another car over to the side of the street. The man in the car pulled to the curb stated, "Now what's wrong?" but they heard no response. This

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man was put into the Plymouth and driven off. They believe the Plymouth must have gone around the block because a minute later a man came out of another car and drove off in the parked car after turning off its lights. [redacted] thought the flasher on the Plymouth was red, but [redacted] thought it was amber in color. They were not sure where the flasher was, but they did not think it was on the top of the car.

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On 6/7/63, no other neighbors were available, but on 6/8/63 the following individuals were interviewed:

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[redacted] advised that on 6/6/63 between 10:15 PM and 10:45 PM she heard a siren and observed two cars stop immediately below her second story window. One car, she believed, was a white Dodge station wagon which had been pulled to the curb by a medium-blue Cadillac. She heard the man in the station wagon say, "What did I do now?" She heard mumbling from the other two men from the Cadillac but was unable to distinguish any words. These men handcuffed the man from the station wagon and placed him in the Cadillac and drove off, leaving the station wagon parked along the side of the road with the motor running and lights on. As the Cadillac left, she noticed it had yellow and green license plates, which she states she knows were Illinois plates with which she is familiar since she drives to Chicago regularly to attend school. She was unable to obtain any license number. She said the Cadillac had a red light ~~either~~ on the fender or spot-light. She did not know where the siren was located. She thought the situation was suspicious and went to the telephone to call the police when she heard the station wagon leaving the scene, and looking out saw it disappear with lights out down the street. She then decided it was probably a legitimate arrest and did not telephone the police. She described the men in the Cadillac as being tall with suits on

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and probably bareheaded, although she was not certain. The man from the station wagon wore a white shirt and dark gray trousers.

_____, advised they heard nothing and were probably not at home. _____
_____ advised he heard a siren but saw nothing.

On 6/8/63, SAs ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND and RICHARD C. THOMPSON conducted a further search at the abandoned farm site where ANTHONY J. BIERNAT had been buried in view of the fact that _____ heard three shotgun blasts prior to mid-night on 6/6/63 from that direction, but nothing of significance was found.

On 6/8/63, SAs ALBERT B. KNICKREHM and CHARLES A. AUSTIN interviewed _____ Greco's Restaurant, 2209 - 56th St., Kenosha, along with waitresses, but obtained no information pertinent to this matter. In fact, _____ claimed prior ignorance of the alleged kidnapping of COVELLI.

On 6/7/63, SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., processed WILLIAM COVELLI's 1962 off-white Dodge Dart station wagon, for door, and obtained several latent fingerprints of questionable value. The fingerprints of WILLIAM COVELLI, his wife and one other individual who had access to the car had been obtained. The fingerprints of another individual who had access to the car will be obtained when he is available.

On 6/7/63, SA HIGGINS advised Capt. ARTHUR J. RILEY of the Kenosha PD of the nature of the investigation. Capt. RILEY said that his department had received information of a possible abduction, but no complaint, and he had caused a check to be made with certain Illinois authorities such as the Lake County SO and the North Chicago PD for information about the car with siren and red light.

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Capt. RILEY said that the Sheriff of Lake County, CHARLIE LARSON, had informed him that no police or sheriff's cars were known to have been stolen but that RILEY should not disregard the possibility that private investigators may have been involved.

On 6/8/63, SAs KNICKREHM and AUSTIN contacted Chief Investigator [redacted] Kenosha County SO, who said that he had received no complaint in this matter and intended to conduct no investigation. On 6/8/63, Capt. ARTHUR J. RILEY, Kenosha PD, was recontacted by SAs KNICKREHM and AUSTIN with negative results.

With further reference to Attorney [redacted] it should be noted that PCI [redacted] advised on 6/8/63 that late on [redacted] conferred with FRANK BALISTRIERI, leader of the hoodlum syndicate in Milwaukee, for approximately two hours.

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b7DLEADSTHE CHICAGO DIVISION:At Waukegan, Illinois:

1. Will contact Sheriff CHARLES LARSON concerning the above alleged abduction for any information he may have which may throw light on the matter.
2. Will contact other logical police agencies in the Waukegan area for the same purpose.
3. Will through the above authorities determine whether private detectives in Illinois have cars equipped with red light and siren.

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6-13-63

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC MILWAUKEE

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WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA, IGA. OO: MILWAUKEE.

RE BURAD JUNE 12 LAST.

THE FOLLOWING ASSOCIATES OF WILLIAM COVELLI INTERVIEWED WITH
 NEGATIVE RESULTS AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN JUNE 12 LAST: FRANK BARCA,
 5227 13TH AVENUE; PETER BARCA, 1230 SHERIDAN ROAD; AL ALBANA,
 3029 52 STREET; [REDACTED]

THE FOLLOWING ASSOCIATES OF THE MURDERED ANTHONY J. BIERNAT
 INTERVIEWED AND ACCOUNTED FOR WHEREABOUTS ON NIGHT OF ABDUCTION:
 SAM IAQUINTA, 4605 65TH STREET; [REDACTED]

ALL KENOSHA.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM COVELLI ON JUNE 12 LAST ADVISED THAT
 ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 5, THE NIGHT BEFORE ALLEGED ABDUCTION THEY
 THOUGHT A BLUE PLYMOUTH AUTOMOBILE WITH ILLINOIS LICENSE PLATES
 CONTAINING TWO MEN HAD FOLLOWED THEM.

MRS. DOMINIC PRINCIPE ADVISED HER HUSBAND HAD LEFT KENOSHA,
 WIS, FOR LAKE ZURICH, ILLINOIS ABOUT 10:30 P.M., JUNE 6 LAST,
 FOLLOWING [REDACTED] EFFORTS

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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IMMEDIATELY MADE TO CONTACT PRINCIPE AT LAKE ZURICH NEGATIVE, BUT PRINCIPE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED MILWAUKEE OFFICE TODAY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. PRINCIPE IS SUSPECT IN BIERNAT MURDER. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO INTERVIEW 27 HOODLUMS IN MILWAUKEE, WIS., TODAY.

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 TO DIRECTOR
 FROM SAC MILWAUKEE 141602

WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA., IGA. OO MILWAUKEE.

REMIRAD JUNE 13 INSTANT.

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL HOODLUMS INTERVIEWED JUNE 13 AT MILWAUKEE AND STATED THAT THEY KNEW NOTHING OF ABDUCTION OF COVELLI AND SUPPLIED INFO RE WHEREABOUTS NIGHT OF ABDUCTION. SAME CLAIMED THEY DO NOT KNOW COVELLI EXCEPT WHERE NOTED BELOW:

[REDACTED], VICTOR VITO AIELLO, NICK COLLURA, [REDACTED]
 ANTHONY MACHI, CARLO DI MAGGIO, [REDACTED], SAM
 CEFALU, [REDACTED] WHO KNOWS COVELLI SLIGHTLY, [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

JOSEPH FRANK ENEA REFUSED INTERVIEW AND TOLD AGENTS TO SEE HIS ATTORNEY.

THOMAS MACHI STATED THAT HE FIGURED SOME ORGANIZATION DID THIS AND FOR HIS OWN SAFETY HE WOULD NOT TELL THE FBI IF HE KNEW.

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL HOODLUMS IN KENOSHA WERE INTERVIEWED JUNE 13 INSTANT BUT DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF COVELLI'S ABDUCTION: DOMINIC PRINCIPE WAS LOCATED AFTER INQUIRY AT KENOSHA HOME AND LAKE ZURICH, ILL. PIZZARIA, ADVISED AGENTS HE FIRST HEARD OF ABDUCTION JUNE 10 INSTANT AND HASN'T SEEN COVELLI SINCE ALLEGED ABDUCTION. DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ABDUCTION OR BIERNAT MURDER AND ACCOUNTED FOR HIS WHEREABOUTS.

ALBERT ALBANA, LOCATED THROUGH DANTE'S BAR AFTER HE REFUSED TO ANSWER DOORBELL AND TELEPHONE, WAS HOSTILE BUT SUPPLIED INFO RE WHEREABOUTS ON NIGHT OF ABDUCTION AND DENIED KNOWLEDGE THEREOF.

[REDACTED] KENOSHA, WIS., ADDITIONAL WITNESS, SAID SHE HEARD SIREN AND SAW CAR WITH RED LIGHT ABOUT 10:30 PM ON

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NIGHT OF ABDUCTION BUT COULD FURNISH NO DETAILS.

[REDACTED] PCI, STATED [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] BETWEEN TWO UNKNOWN ITALIANS IN KENOSHA TO EFFECT THAT

[REDACTED]
 NINETEEN ADDITIONAL MILWAUKEE AND KENOSHA HOODLUMS BEING INTERVIEWED TODAY. COVELLI WILL BE REQUESTED TO SIGN CONSENT TO TAKE POLYGRAPH TEST WITHOUT CONDITIONS ATTACHED, AS NO LETTER RECEIVED FROM HIS ATTORNEY, AS PROMISED. INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY INTO BACKGROUND [REDACTED] AND BUREAU BEING REQUESTED IN AIRTEL FOR PERMISSION TO INTERVIEW FOUR TEAMSTER OFFICIALS BELIEVED POSSIBLY PROCURED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BASED ON INFORMATION DEVELOPED FROM BOOK FORMERLY UTILIZED [REDACTED]

ALL HOODLUMS INTERVIEWED TO DATE HAVE BEEN AGGRESSIVELY PRESSED ON BIERNAT MATTER AND COVELLI ABDUCTION STORY. THIS ACTION IS CERTAINLY HAVING AN EFFECT OF CAUSING CONSIDERABLE CONCERN AS INDICATED IN INTERVIEWS WITH HOODLUMS AS TO WHETHER FBI INVESTIGATION IS GETTING WIDE SPREAD INTO ALL OF THEIR ILLICIT OPERATIONS.

MILWAUKEE CONTINUING TO PURSUE ALL ASPECTS. COMPREHENSIVE AIRTEL WITH DETAILS OF RESULTS TO DATE BEING SUBMITTED JUNE 15 NEXT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *alb*

FROM : C. A. Evans *efm*

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI
HOODLUM ACTIVITIES
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

DATE: June 18, 1963

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The intensified investigation of hoodlums being conducted by our Milwaukee Office in connection with the alleged abduction of William Covelli is, according to our informants, causing a great deal of concern among the hoodlum element in the Milwaukee area. Plans now set in motion for convening a Federal Grand Jury to inquire into the alleged Covelli abduction, the murder of jukebox operator Anthony J. Biernat, as well as relating hoodlum activities in that area should be a further disruptive factor and an excellent tool in our drive against the underworld in the Milwaukee area.

With respect to Covelli's attorney, *WISC* [redacted] who has been acting as the "mouthpiece" for allegations made by Covelli, it is interesting to note that an informant has advised that [redacted] is an egotist and loves publicity. According to this informant, he would not be surprised to learn that [redacted] had a hand in planning the abduction for his client in order to embarrass the FBI.

It is also interesting to note that [redacted] of Milwaukee has confidentially advised that at [redacted]

ACTION:

The Milwaukee Office has been instructed to continue to vigorously pursue this matter and to keep Bureau fully advised of all developments.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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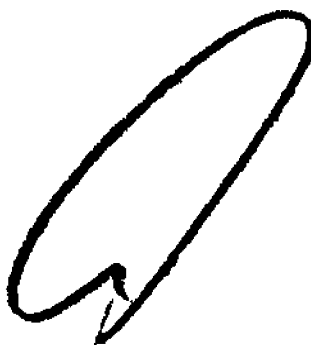
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SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

June 15, 1963

This relates to the alleged abduction of Covelli by "FBI Agents." Our Milwaukee Office is pressing an impersonation investigation to determine those responsible for abduction. We are also intensifying all our investigations of organized criminals and have arranged for grand jury to be convened first week in July to further explore underworld matters in Wisconsin and hear testimony concerning reported abduction of Covelli.

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CC MR. TOLSON

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, MILWAUKEE

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WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA, IGA*, OO MILWAUKEE.

[REDACTED] WHO HAS BEEN UNAVAILABLE SINCE MONDAY, ADVISED TODAY THAT [REDACTED] FRANCIS STELLOH AND BEN DI SALVO, BOTH LOCAL HOODLUMS, THAT THEY WERE OF THE OPINION COVELLI PERPETRATED THIS ABDUCTION HIMSELF. HE STATED THEY DON'T BELIEVE THE FBI DID THIS. INFORMANT ADVISED THAT THEY THINK THAT COVELLI SET UP THIS ABDUCTION TO TAKE THE PRESSURE OFF HIM. HE STATED THAT COVELLI MAY HAVE RECEIVED SOME INFORMATION THAT THE FBI WAS GETTING CLOSE TO SOLVING THE BIERNAT CASE AND THAT HE WAS ABOUT TO BE QUESTIONED AGAIN ABOUT THIS. INFORMANT STATED THAT BY SETTING UP THE ABDUCTION, COVELLI MIGHT GAIN SOME SYMPATHY AS WELL AS TAKE THE PRESSURE OFF HIM.

INFORMANT STATES THAT THE HOODLUM ELEMENT IS GETTING QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT ALL OF THEM BEING REINTERVIEWED BY THE FBI AGAIN. HE STATED THAT THEY HAD HOPED THE PRESSURE WOULD SOON LET UP REGARDING THE BIERNAT CASE SO THEY COULD AGAIN START TO OPERATE IN THEIR OLD WAYS, BUT THAT THIS ABDUCTION HAD OPENED UP THAT "OLD WOUND" AND THEY DON'T LIKE IT. HE STATED THAT IF COVELLI DID PERPETRATE THIS ABDUCTION HIMSELF, HE OPINED THAT THE SYNDICATE MIGHT TAKE SOME ACTION AGAINST HIM.

WITH REGARD TO COVELLI'S ATTORNEY,

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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FORMANT STATED THAT [] IS AN EGOTIST AND LOVES PUBLICITY.
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CC: MR. EVANS

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SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

June 18, 1963

United States Attorney, Milwaukee, has set in motion plans to conduct Federal Grand Jury in Milwaukee pursuant to arrangements made by Bureau representatives with the Department last week. Milwaukee is providing all available information for utilization of Grand Jury in connection with organized crime in the Milwaukee and Kenosha areas. Milwaukee being instructed to insure Bureau advised of all developments.

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 TO DIRECTOR
 FROM SAC MILWAUKEE

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(Interstate Gambling Activities)

WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA, IGA. OO MILWAUKEE.

RE MILWAUKEE AIRTEL TO BUREAU JUNE 15 LAST.

[REDACTED] ADVISED TODAY THAT NONE OF HOODLUM ELEMENT BELIEVED FBI RESPONSIBLE FOR COVELLI'S ABDUCTION NOR THAT CHICAGO SYNDICATE TESTED COVELLI BECAUSE THEY WOULD HAVE KILLED HIM IF THEY HAD ANY SUSPICION. HOODLUMS BELIEVED COVELLI SET UP ABDUCTION HIMSELF TO REMOVE SUSPICION FROM HIM. INFORMANT STATES THAT IN CONVERSATION WITH COVELLI'S

[REDACTED] SAID THAT, IF COVELLI DID SET UP HIMSELF, IT WOULD BE A PERFECT CHANCE TO TAKE THE HEAT OFF HIM AND KEEP HIM FROM TAKING A POLYGRAPH TEST AS HE COULD SAY HE WAS TOO NERVOUS AND EMOTIONALLY UPSET.

FRANK JANUZZI, KNOWN ASSOCIATE WILLIAM COVELLI AND JOHN RIZZO, AND STICK MAN AT FORMER KENOSHA, WIS. GAME, TODAY STATED HE LAST SAW COVELLI IN APRIL LAST AND DENIES KNOWING ANYTHING OF ABDUCTION NOR ANY WHO MIGHT HAVE DESIRED ABDUCTION OF COVELLI.

[REDACTED] POT, KENOSHA, TODAY ADVISED OBTAINED NOTHING FURTHER. (Potential Criminal Informant)

CONFERENCE HELD TODAY WITH DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS

[REDACTED] OF ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION AND DETAILS CONCERNING COVELLI ABDUCTION AND INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED SUPPLIED TO THEM. THESE ATTORNEYS ARE FORMULATING ORDER OF GRAND JURY ACTION AND LIST OF HOODLUMS WHO SHOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE GRAND JURY HAS BEEN SUPPLIED TO THEM. INFORMATION TENDING TO ESTABLISH POSSIBILITY OF VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW ON PART OF THESE INDIVIDUALS BEING BROUGHT UP TO DATE FOR USE OF DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON ATTORNEY [REDACTED]

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WILLIAM PROXMIRE
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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Casper ✓
Mr. Callahan ✓
Mr. Conrad ✓
Mr. DeLoach ✓
Mr. Evans ✓
Mr. Gale ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Sullivan ✓
Mr. Tavel ✓
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Miss Holmes ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

June 17, 1963

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Office of the Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is to thank you for your letter of June 14th regarding the alleged abduction of William Covelli.

I am grateful for your reply. I have always been impressed by the rigorous training received by each agent of the Bureau in the absolute protection of the rights of suspects and witnesses granted under due process. This is very reassuring to all citizens.

I appreciate your assurance that the Bureau is aggressively and promptly pursuing an investigation of this matter. I know you will do so, and I will follow the case with great interest.

Sincerely,

William Proxmire, U.S. Senator

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /162-777/

FROM SAC, MILWAUKEE /162-49/ P

WILLIAM COVELLI, HOODLUM ACTIVITIES. MILWAUKEE DIVISION.

RE BUREAU RAD JUNE TWELVE LAST AND MILWAUKEE RAD JUNE SEVENTEEN LAST.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS FEEL THAT TO CALL FULL SCALE GRAND JURY EITHER ON BIERNAT OR COVELLI MATTERS AND NOT HAVE ANY CONCRETE RESULTS WOULD PUT GOVERNMENT IN BAD LIGHT AND HOODLUMS IN GOOD LIGHT. THEY WILL RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, LIMITED GRAND JURY ACTION ONE OR TWO DAYS A MONTH FOR AS LONG AS NECESSARY AIMED AT KEEPING THE PRESSURE ON HOODLUM ELEMENT WITHOUT BIG PUBLICITY REACTION AND WITH HOPE THAT DURING ENSUING TIME, EITHER THROUGH BUREAU INVESTIGATION OR GRAND JURY FINDINGS, A BREAK-THROUGH MIGHT BE EFFECTED AS TO ABOVE MATTERS. INITIAL SESSION TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR JULY SIXTEEN NEXT WITH BUREAU AGENT FURNISHING RESULTS OF

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ALSO HOPE TO CALL [REDACTED]

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PROMPTLY FURNISH THE BUREAU AND USA LETTERHEAD MEMORANDA RELATIVE TO
INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL POSSIBLY BE CALLED LATER AND WILL CONTINUE
CONCERTED EFFORTS RE ALL HOODLUMS CONNECTED WITH THIS MATTER AS WELL
AS CONDUCT INVESTIGATION NECESSARY TO CONFRONT [REDACTED] BY JULY
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: June 12, 1963

FROM : C. A. Evans

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI
HOODLUM ACTIVITIES
MILWAUKEE DIVISION

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William Covelli and Frank Balistrieri, Milwaukee hoodlums, through [redacted] Milwaukee hoodlum attorney and homosexual, have claimed that the FBI is responsible for the abduction of Covelli on June 6, 1963, and have alleged that Balistrieri forced an Agent to discontinue a surveillance by confronting the Agent.

These tactics on the part of these hoodlums are obviously an effort to distract our Milwaukee Office from the intensive investigation which we have been conducting of their underworld connections and their illegal activities. Our Milwaukee Office has reacted by increasing the pressure of our investigations on these and other hoodlum subjects.

On June 11, 1963, we learned that Attorney [redacted] attempted to [redacted] the "Milwaukee Sentinel" to write [redacted]

[redacted] also planned to have a secret lie detector test given to Covelli by the Reed Polygraph Company of Chicago, the results of which would be supplied to newspapers for publicity purposes in the hope that news media would take up the story and suggest that FBI Agents take a similar lie detector test.

The newspaper has indicated that they will not lend themselves to this scheme and no such article will be printed by that paper.

ACTION BEING TAKEN

Recognizing that these tactics on the part of Milwaukee and Kenosha, Wisconsin, hoodlums must not be allowed to continue unchecked, our Milwaukee Office has engaged in an all-out program of investigation

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

Re: William Covelli
Hoodlum Activities
Milwaukee Division

and interview of hoodlum personalities involved in all aspects of these developments.

To provide our Milwaukee Office with additional weapons in this drive, we today arranged with the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the Department to hold a Federal Grand Jury in Wisconsin, which is to be convened during the first week of July, 1963.

When the Departmental attorneys exhibited their usual reluctance to convening a grand jury in these matters, their attention was drawn to the summary report dated May 10, 1963, which sets out the activities of Milwaukee hoodlums Gurera, Covelli and Balistrieri in the events leading up to the gangland murder of Anthony J. Biernat. It was then arranged for a Departmental attorney to leave for Wisconsin on Monday, June 17, 1963, to assist the United States Attorney in that state to arrange for the convening of a grand jury during the first week of July, 1963.

Our Milwaukee Office is being instructed to have the material available concerning the impersonation of FBI Agents in the alleged Covelli abduction. All cases involving hoodlums in the State of Wisconsin which have a bearing on this situation will be prepared for presentation to this grand jury.

Particular investigative efforts are being directed against hoodlum attorney [redacted] whom we have determined is possibly acting as a pimp for a prostitute in Milwaukee. Investigative efforts are being concentrated on Attorney [redacted] since it appears he might be the spearhead of the efforts by the underworld to distract the FBI from its investigations of organized crime in Wisconsin. b6 b7C

The convening of a Federal Grand Jury should be of material assistance to our Milwaukee Office in its all-out drive to resolve all aspects of this effort on the part of the underworld to discredit the FBI and to impede our investigations.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. Stanley
1 - Mr. McAndrews
1 - Mr. Stefanak

June 14, 1963

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable William Proxmire
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Assistant Director C. D. DeLoach has advised me of your call concerning the reported abduction of William Covelli of Kenosha, Wisconsin, on the evening of June 6, 1963.

As you were advised by Mr. DeLoach, I have checked into this situation and have determined that no personnel of this Bureau were involved. However, in view of the fact that Covelli alleged that when he was approached by the abductors they claimed they were Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, active investigation of this matter is being conducted under the Impersonation Statute, attempting to identify the individuals responsible.

I want to assure you that this Bureau is conducting an unbiased, thorough, aggressive investigation of this matter in order to fully resolve the conflicting statements allegedly made to Covelli that the persons involved claimed they were FBI Agents.

Sincerely yours,

1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. M. A. Jones

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 6/13/63

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

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HOODLUM ACTIVITIES
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By reference from the Director's Office, I talked with Senator William Proxmire (D-Wisconsin) at 9:12 a.m. this morning.

Senator Proxmire informed that he was calling regarding a case involving a constituent, William Covelli, Kenosha, Wisconsin. The Senator went on to state that approximately a week ago two FBI Agents reportedly accosted Covelli by driving up in their automobile, ordering him into the back seat of their car, placing a hood over his head, handcuffing him, all without identifying themselves. The Senator stated that there were approximately six eye witnesses to this affair. He claimed that the Agents merely told Covelli that they were connected with the FBI. After this took place, the supposed "Agents" took Covelli over the route reportedly taken when an individual by the name of Anthony Biernat was taken when he was recently murdered. The Senator stated that the "Agents" obviously suspected Covelli of the murder and attempted to bring a confession out of him.

Senator Proxmire told me that the reputation of the FBI was, of course, at stake in Wisconsin as a result of this incident. He stated that he personally had some doubts as to whether these men were actually FBI Agents or not; however, he desired assurances from the FBI that (1) These men were not FBI Agents (2) That the FBI was thoroughly and impartially investigating this matter.

I told Senator Proxmire that he could rest assured that these men were not FBI Agents. I told him our Agents did not act in such a manner and that he could definitely rest assured that our Agents always promptly identify themselves and fully advise the subjects of questioning or arrest as to the matter of their business. I told him furthermore that I would seek the full details of this case immediately and would call him back in 15 minutes. He asked that I do this as "he was getting considerable pressure from two constituents and one newspaper in Wisconsin."

After checking with the Special Investigative Division, I called Senator Proxmire back and told him that such an incident did take place on the night of June 6, 1963; however, the "accosting Agents" were definitely not FBI employees. I told him

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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DeLoach to Mohr memorandum
RE: William Covelli, AKA

that we had immediately began a most thorough investigation based upon the possible violation of the Impersonation Statute and that this investigation was pending at the present time. I told him that for his information the investigation had not yet identified the subjects of this case but that the Director certainly intended that these men would be identified inasmuch as under no circumstances would we appreciate the besmirching of our reputation and prestige in Wisconsin.

WISC I told the Senator, after he agreed to talk in confidence, that he should keep in mind that one [redacted] attorney is often a defense counsel for hoodlums in the Milwaukee area. It was mentioned that [redacted] on a number of occasions has made false allegations against the FBI, particularly with respect to this specific case. I told the Senator that [redacted] false allegations had all been run down by the FBI and had definitely been found to be without any basis in fact. b6
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The Senator expressed appreciation for the call back to him. He added, however, that he would definitely appreciate a letter from the Director indicating the facts as given telephonically, i. e., that there were no FBI Agents involved and the FBI was conducting a thorough and impartial investigation to determine who had perpetrated this incident.

The Senator told me he desired to give us some information. He stated that Mr. Covelli, his constituent, had complained that a car had been surveilling him on numerous occasions in the Milwaukee and Kenosha areas. Covelli reported that this car bore Wisconsin license plates Q-9131 and was registered under the name of "James Hart." The Senator stated that "Hart" was non-existent. He added that this, of course, might be an FBI car and inasmuch as he understood that Covelli is a suspect in the Biernat case the FBI might have every reason for surveilling Covelli. He stated, however, he was tipping us off to the fact that Covelli knew this license number. The Senator did not have any questions regarding this particular car.

FACTS OF COVELLI MATTER:

Covelli is the principal suspect in the Biernat murder case. On the night of June 6, 1963, Covelli reportedly was accosted in the immediate area of his home by two individuals whom Covelli and a number of others indicated were driving a car with a flashing red light and a siren. A hood was reportedly put over his head, he was handcuffed, he was placed in the back seat of the automobile, and the men claimed at first that they were FBI Agents. Covelli was reportedly driven to the location where Biernat was apparently executed and buried. The "accosting individuals," according to Covelli, played "Russian roulette" with him at the scene of the Biernat murder.

Wisconsin license plate Q9131 is issued to ²one of the Milwaukee Office cars. This car has been used during the investigation of the Anthony J. Biernat murder. It has been used several weeks ago on one occasion on a physical surveillance of Covelli. It, of course, was not involved in any way in the alleged abduction of Covelli. 6/10/63

DeLoach to Mohr memorandum
RE: William Covelli, AKA

Upon bringing him back to the immediate area of his home and releasing him, the men told Covelli that they were not actually FBI Agents but they were doing this for the FBI, inasmuch as the FBI itself could not do such things. The Milwaukee Division is currently conducting an Impersonation investigation into this matter.

OBSERVATIONS:

The false allegations concerning the FBI given to Senator Proxmire by his so-called two constituents ^{are} undoubtedly additional references on the part of Milwaukee area hoodlums to bring pressure against the FBI in order to detract from investigation of their activities. The attorney [redacted] in the past has made such allegations and it may be that he is involved in attempting to line up Senator Proxmire against the FBI. b6 b7C

ACTION:

There is attached a suggested letter to Senator Proxmire in connection with his questions. I will personally deliver this letter so that any further questions he might have at that time can be answered on the spot. The conversation with Senator Proxmire was cordial; however, he at first was definitely willing to believe that the FBI might have been involved in this matter.

MILWAUKEE OFFICE BEING ADVISED OF THIS.

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 TO DIRECTOR
 FROM SAC MILWAUKEE 181615

WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA. IGA. OO: MILWAUKEE
 RE MILWAUKEE RAD JUNE 17 LAST.

[REDACTED] FAILED TO APPEAR IN
 COUNTY COURT, MILWAUKEE, WISC., BECAUSE OBTAINING MARRIAGE
 LICENSE [REDACTED] ATTORNEY [REDACTED] MOVED
 TO DISMISS ACTION OF LEWD AND LASCIVIOUS CONDUCT [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] ON GROUND POLICE MADE ILLEGAL ENTRY.

[REDACTED] PCT. STATED [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] MILWAUKEE.

EFFORTS CONTINUING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JOHN RIZZO
 AND FRANK STELLOH.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL BEING PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENTAL
 ATTORNEY [REDACTED] AND CLOSE LIAISON MAINTAINED WITH
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

To:

FBI, Milwaukee (162-49)

Date:

July 8, 1963

Re:

**WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
IGA**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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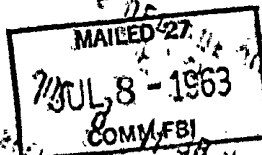
Remarks:

It should be noted that many of the molds used by the Super Mold Corporation are molds which have been previously used by other tire manufacturers and for one reason or another were sold to the Super Mold Corporation.

The submitted negatives are being returned separately and, as requested, two prints of each negative are also being enclosed with the negatives.

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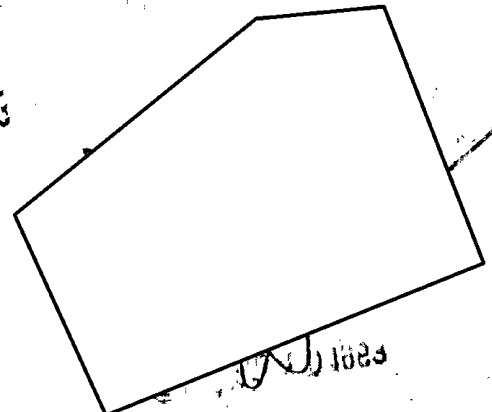
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Milwaukee
Re: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
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Specimens received 6-21-63

Q1 and Q2 Two plaster casts of tire impressions
Q3 One plaster cast of small parallel markings
Q4 Four photographs of miscellaneous tire tracks
ALSO SUBMITTED: Miscellaneous photographs

Result of examination:

The design noted in the Q1 and Q2 casts and in the Q4 photographs of the miscellaneous tire tracks resembles a design used by the Super Mold Corporation, Lodi, California. This corporation recaps tires. With the information available in the Laboratory, neither the size of the tire involved nor the type of car involved could be determined from the cast impressions.

No particular design was noted on the Q3 cast.

The submitted material is being returned separately.

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Examination requested: Document

Date received: 6-21-63

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

The design noted on the casts & in the photos resemble ~~the~~
design for tires employed by Ford - Super Model Corp, Ford, Calif.
Recaps - Size not determined. - Send photos of design.
Send 20 copies each neg. submitted. Return negatives.
Casts being ret'd separately. No design on Q3.
Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 and Q2 Two plaster casts of tire ~~tracks~~ impressions

Q3 One plaster cast of small parallel markings

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~~ALSO SUBMITTED: One pack of PX-623 Kodak film~~

Q4 - Four photographs of miscellaneous tire tracks

Also submitted: Miscellaneous Photographs

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)

DATE: 6/19/63

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49)

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
MECHANICAL SECTION

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka.
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Enclosed under separate cover is one pack of PX 523 Kodak film containing exposures taken by SA CHARLES F. AHERN of tire tracks and the locale in a farmyard at Rural Route 1, Kansasville, Wisconsin.

These pictures were taken in the farmyard to which WILLIAM COVELLI was allegedly abducted on 6/6/63.

Also enclosed under separate cover are 2 plaster casts of tire tracks found at the scene and 1 plaster cast of small parallel markings found in the basement of the farmhouse.

It is requested in addition to positives which may be developed for use of the Bureau in making examination, that two positives of each negative be supplied to the Milwaukee Office.

It is requested that the FBI Laboratory advise the Milwaukee Office the description of the type of tires which left these markings and the type of cars on which they may have been used.

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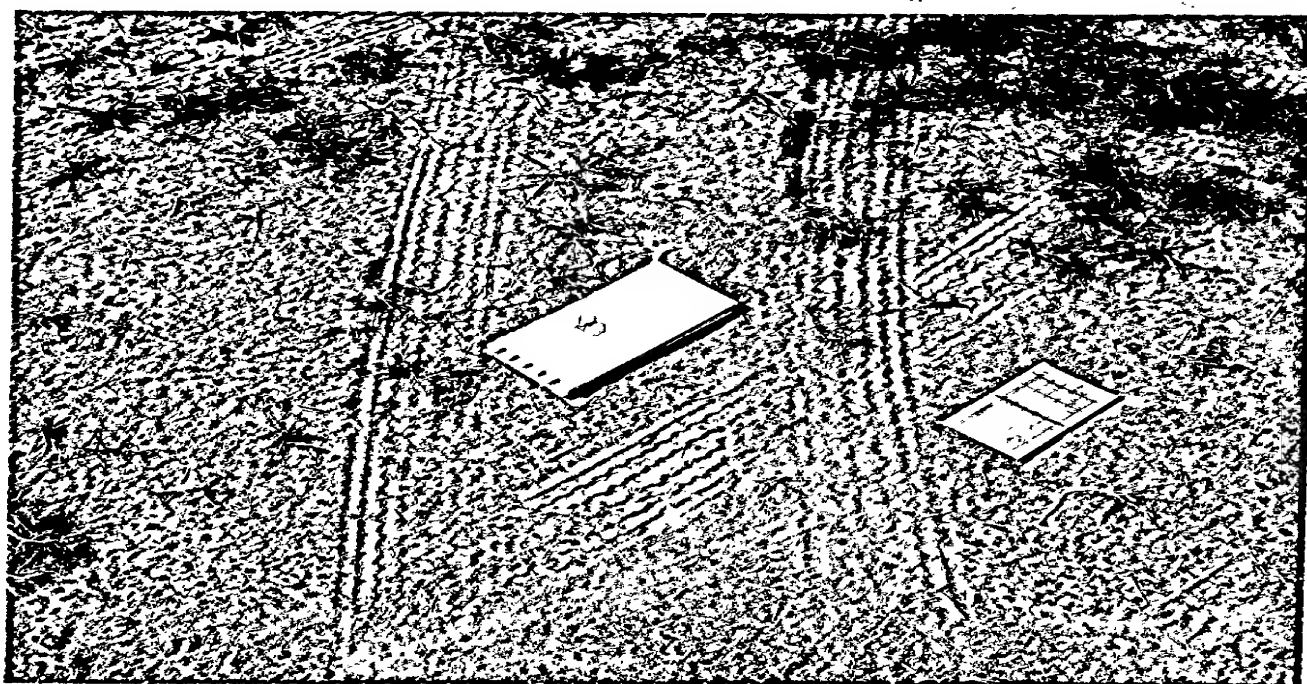
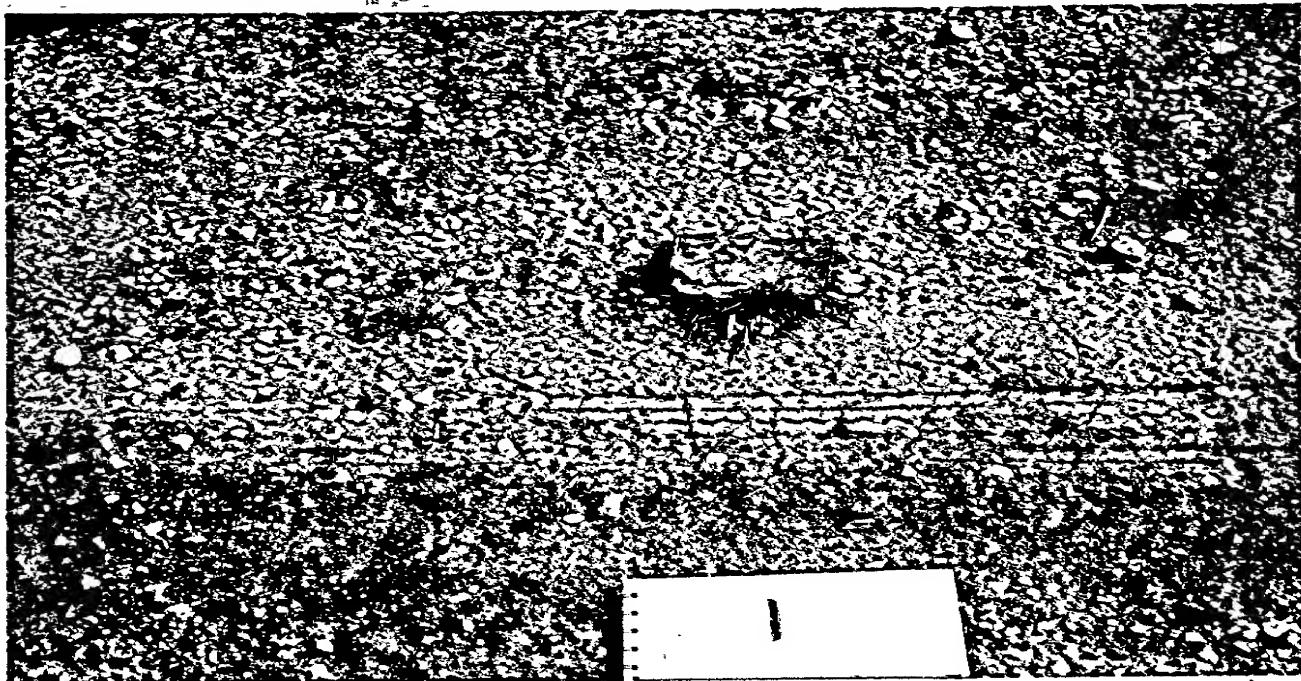


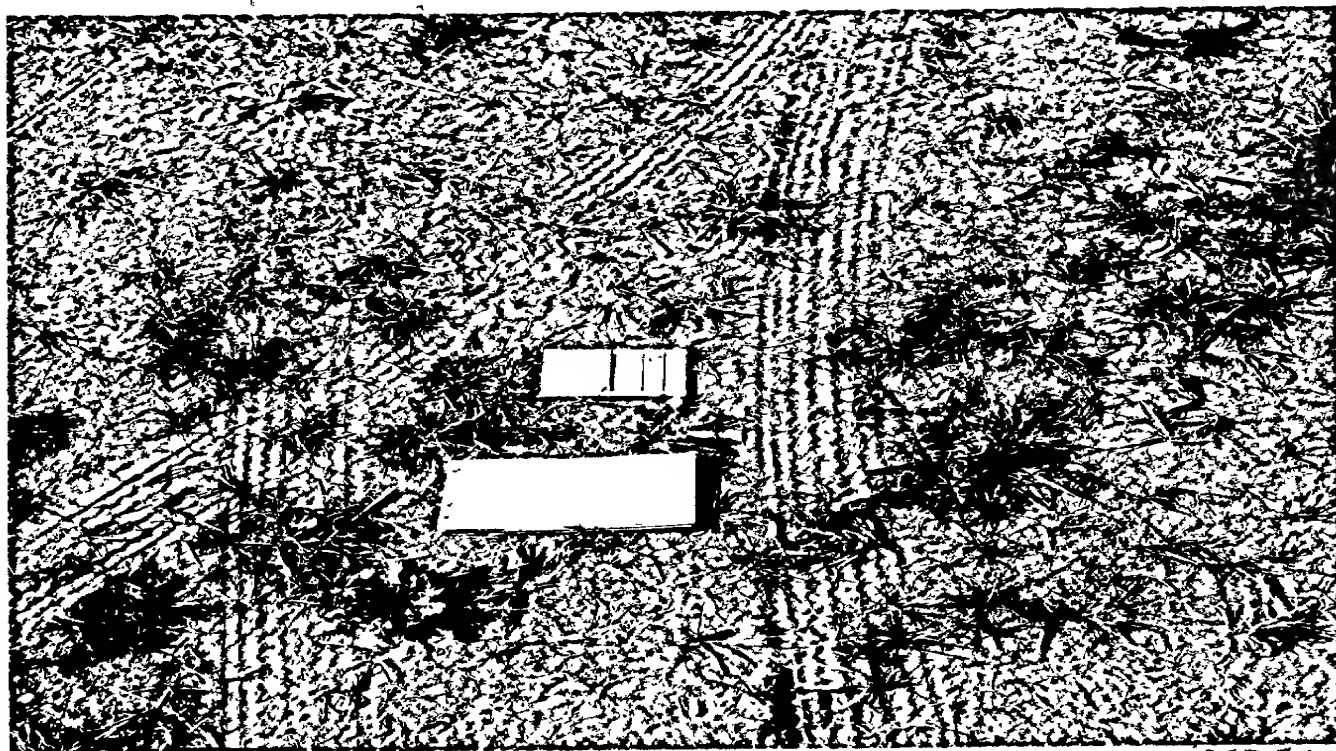
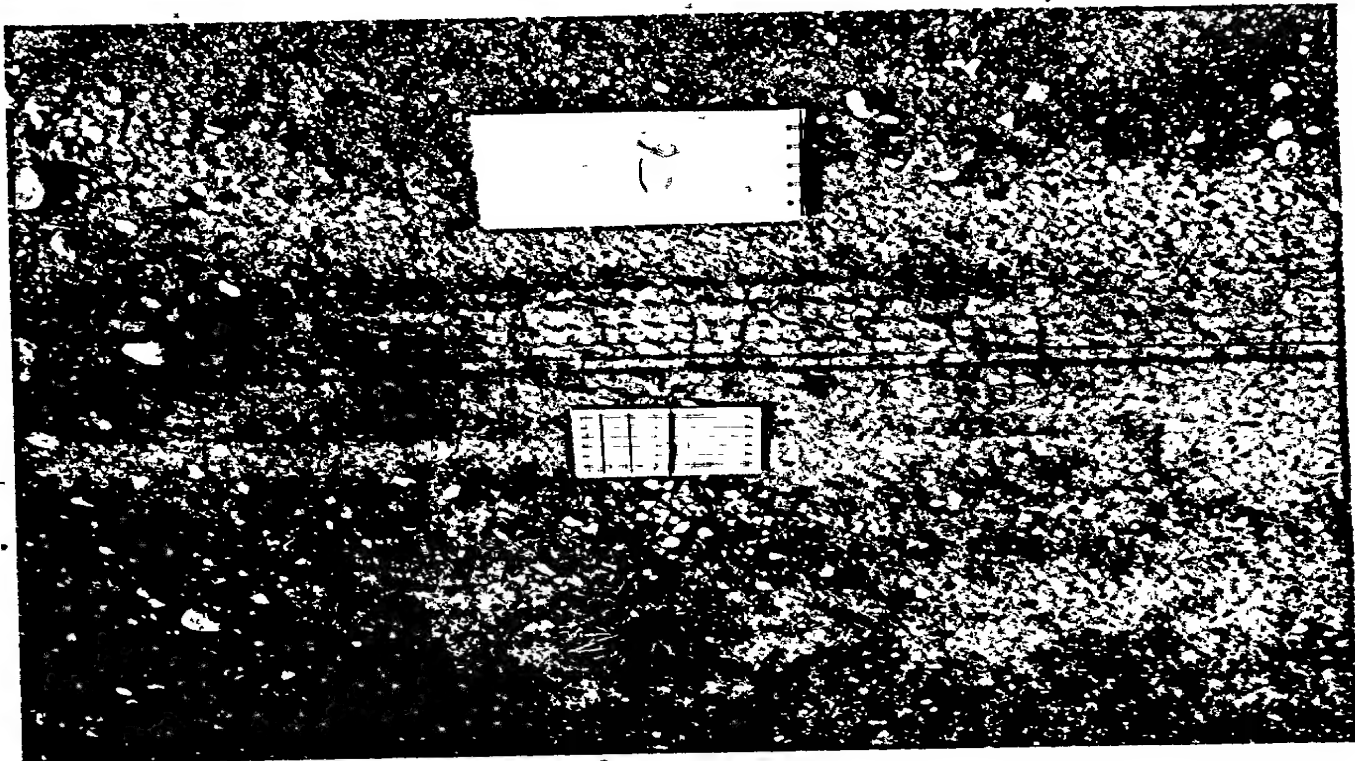
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To Bureau: Two copies of letterhead memorandum reflecting characterization of informants utilized in this report.

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LEADS

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha, Wisconsin:

1. Will continue attempt to interview Subject concerning his involvement in gambling and other racket activities.
2. Will continue to develop current activities and associates of Subject in an effort to ascertain whether he is engaged in interstate gambling in violation of the laws of the United States.
3. Will remain in contact [redacted]
4. Will remain in contact with PCI [redacted]
5. Will re-interview [redacted]
[redacted] Wisconsin.
6. Will interview [redacted] for Subject at Kenosha Vending Company.
7. Will report results of telephone toll call data being obtained on Kenosha telephone number OL 2-1390 listed to Subject at 7827-36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin.
8. Will remain in close contact with PCI [redacted]
9. Will attempt to develop new sources of information concerning Kenosha gambling and Subject's involvement.
10. Contact and interview JOE "PEPPY" MARIGRANO, Kenosha Schlitz representative and officer of the American State Bank, Kenosha, Kenosha, Wisconsin, concerning his association with or knowledge of WILLIAM COVELLI's activities.
11. Will remain in contact with [redacted] concerning Subject's associations with the Milwaukee hoodlum element.

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At Waupun, Wisconsin:

Will contact [] concerning his knowledge of gambling in Kenosha; particularly the gambling activities of Subject.

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INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [] contacted by SAs JOHN H. GASSAWAY and ALBERT B. KNICKREHM.

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MI T-2 is [] PCI, Mifile [] at Kenosha, Wisconsin, contacted by SAs [] and []

MI T-3 is [] PCI, Mifile [] at Kenosha, Wisconsin, contacted by SAs [] and FRANCIS M. MULLEN, JR.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Details concerning the alleged kidnapping of WILLIAM COVELLI will be submitted in a subsequent report.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office:

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Date:

June 21, 1963

Field Office File No.:

MI 162-49

Bureau File No.:

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Title:

WILLIAM COVELLI

Character:

INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis:

MI T-1 advised on 5/6/63 that Subject was known to be meeting with FRANK BALISTRIERI at Milwaukee. On 5/7/63 [REDACTED] Kenosha County SO, advised he had received information that Subject may have been involved in the theft of cigarette vending machines from Chicago, Ill. MI T-1 advised 5/14/63 that Subject was not operating a crap game in Kenosha but had a book going in Kenosha. Subject not handling book himself. COVELLI with JOHN RIZZO frequenting Sportsmen's Race Track in Chicago, Ill. MI T-2 advised 5/22/63 that COVELLI had moved the Kenosha Vending Company warehouse to site of former crap game on 56th Street. MI T-3 advised 5/23/63 that gambling was going on upstairs over Greco's Restaurant on 56th Street. Kenosha PD arrest record set out for Subject. NICK COVELLI denies any knowledge of stolen vending machines. MI T-1 advised 5/20/63 that Subject and JOHN RIZZO have their independent books going in Kenosha and Racine, Wis. but definitely had no crap game going at this time. Spotchecks of Subject's home and business have disclosed no unusual activity. Information obtained from police officials concerning Subject's past and current associations in Kenosha. Telephone toll call data set out.

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DETAILS:

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On May 31, 1963 the Chicago Division advised that telephone number AR 6-5005, Chicago, Illinois is listed to Atlas Music, a division of A. P. Automatic Service, Inc., 2122 Northwestern Avenue, Chicago. Atlas Music [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reported to be close to top hoodlum, EDDIE VOGEL. [REDACTED] has been interviewed by the Chicago Division and denies any hoodlum ties and contacts in Atlas Music. Atlas Music is the distributor of AMI coin operated machines in the Chicago area.

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Date 5/31/631

A public service operator of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following information concerning the subscribers to telephones called from OL 2-1390 listed to WILLIAM COVELLI, 7877 36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin:

MI 2-7731 is listed to Chocolate Products Company, 415 West Scott, Chicago, Illinois.

RA 6-2347 - no listing was found for this telephone.

OR 6-5005 is listed to Atlas Music, a division of A.C. Automatic Service, Inc., 2122 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

On 5/20/63 at Chicago, Illinois File # MI 162-49
CG 162-277

by SA FRANCIS M. HENWOOD/jmn Date dictated 5/24/63

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

The following information was obtained from Chief Investigator [redacted] Kenosha County Sheriff's Office, Kenosha, on May 7, 1963 by SA [redacted]

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Investigator [redacted] advised he had received information that five cigarette vending machines manufactured by Eastern Electric Company, Medford, Massachusetts, Models CM-57-MKII-22 belonging to Dependable Vendors Company, Downers Grove, Cook County, Illinois, were stolen and transported to Kenosha, Wisconsin sometime during the evening of May 6, 1963. He also advised that the serial numbers were removed on all but one machine and this number was 13555. These machines were taken to the Jay Bee Auto Body Company, 39th Avenue and 60th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin and were reconditioned prior to being repainted. Investigator [redacted] information also alleged that COVELLI, a partner in the Kenosha Vending Company, 5611-22nd Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin, had been observed working on these vending machines.

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

The following information was obtained from Chief Investigator [redacted] Kenosha County Sheriff's Office on May 15, 1963 by SA [redacted] pertaining to the arrest record for WILLIAM C. COVELLI:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	October 5, 1919
Height	5'5"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Hazel
Build	Medium
Occupation	Vending machine operator and tavern keeper

Arrest Record

<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
12/23/49	Accident	
5/20/53	Accident	
1/30/56	Accident	
10/29/55	Accident	
4/4/57	Speeding	\$15 bond, default
12/3/57	Complainant, stolen car	
12/3/57	Leaving keys in car	\$2 bond, default
4/25/57	Parked illegally in area	\$2 bond, default
9/23/58	Parking in restricted area	\$2 bond, default
9/12/59	Driving with expired driver's license	\$10 bond, default
5/4/59	Leaving keys in car	\$5 bond, default

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On May 22, 1963 MI T-2 advised that COVELLI was moving his storage warehouse for cigarette vending machines and jukeboxes to the space next to Greco's Restaurant and that this address was formerly operated as the 56th Street Cigar Store at 2207-56th Street. He also stated that COVELLI may appear to be meek and mild-mannered but in reality has a violent temper. He also advised that COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO have not resumed their gambling game on 56th Street.

Date May 28, 1963

NICK COVELLI, proprietor, Gino's Tap, 518-58th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin, after being advised that he did not have to make a statement, that anything he said could be used against him in a court of law, that he could consult with an attorney, that no promises or duress would be made or used to induce him to make a statement, advised as follows:

COVELLI stated that he had never had anything to do with the repairing or refinishing of damaged cigarette vending machines at the Jay Bee Auto Body Company, 36th Avenue and 60th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin. COVELLI stated that he was working at his tavern that evening and does not recall allowing anyone to use his car.

COVELLI advised that he is available for re-interview at any time and can be contacted at his business address.

On 5/16/63 at Kenosha, Wisconsin File # MI 162-49
by SA [redacted] /lmp Date dictated 5/22/63

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On May 23, 1963 MI T-3 advised that he has observed several cars belonging to known Kenosha area gamblers parked near Greco's Restaurant but the owners were not around. Later he learned that they had been gambling upstairs over Greco's Restaurant on 56th Street.

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The following investigation was conducted at Kenosha, Wisconsin by SA [REDACTED] and SA FRANCIS M. MULLEN, JR.:

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On May 15, 1963 Captain DOMINIC MATTIOLI, Kenosha Police Department, Kenosha, Wisconsin, was interviewed, and he stated that he grew up on the West Side and played ball with many of the individuals now considered gamblers and hoodlums in Kenosha, and he does not see any reason why he should break off their friendship because they are gamblers or considered hoodlums. MATTIOLI stated that this, in fact, was of benefit to the Kenosha police as he was able to talk to these people, and they had confidence in him.

RE: WEISER COVELLI

MATTIOLI stated that WEISER COVELLI is "a pretty solid kid", who definitely had nothing to do with the BERNAT abduction and murder. MATTIOLI feels that WEISER COVELLI is following somewhat in his father's footsteps, although he did not think he was going to. MATTIOLI talked to WEISER COVELLI after the BERNAT slaying and COVELLI swore on his father's grave that he knew nothing about the abduction and slaying. MATTIOLI stated that COVELLI is afraid to talk to the FBI, because of possible repercussions from the hoodlum element, about the BERNAT slaying. MATTIOLI stated that he himself told COVELLI that he should talk to authorities because the more you avoid them the more it looks like you have had part. COVELLI recently asked MATTIOLI, "Why is the FBI watching my home." MATTIOLI stated he was unable to tell COVELLI anything. He said COVELLI is currently not in any tax difficulties and is running the Kenosha Vending Company on 22nd Avenue.

RE: FRANK JANUZZI

MATTIOLI stated that FRANK JANUZZI also worked for JOHN RIZZO and WEISER COVELLI when they ran a gambling joint on 56th Street in Kenosha and he worked in the same capacity as ALBERT ALBANA, that is, as door man and lookout. MATTIOLI stated that JANUZZI was a very good friend of JOHN RIZZO, however, he did not know of his relationship with WEISER COVELLI.

Date May 17, 1963

On May 5, 1963 SAs [] and FRANCIS M. MULLEN, JR. checked five cigarette vending machines at the Jay Bee Auto Body Paint Shop, 3902 Wilson Road, Kenosha, Wisconsin which were in various stages of repair and refinishing. These five cigarette vending machines were manufactured by the Eastern Electric Company, Medford, Massachusetts, Models CM-57-MKII-22, had the serial numbers removed, and were unidentified except for one machine which contained serial number 13555.

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The cigarette vending machine containing serial number 13555 had a red body and contained a gold and red label marked "SCS, CHICAGO, PAL 5-9402."

There was no other identifying marks on any of the five cigarette vending machines.

On 5/7/63 at Kenosha, Wisconsin File # MT 162-49

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by SAs [] & FRANCIS M. MULLEN, JR./Imp Date dictated 5/13/63

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On May 28, 1963 [redacted] Jay Bee Auto Body Company, 2013-63rd Street, advised that several cigarette vending machines had been brought into his paint shop [redacted] for reconditioning and repainting. He advised that he knew of no connection between these cigarette vending machines and WILLIAM COVELLI. [redacted] stated that these machines were being worked on by members of his staff and would subsequently be picked up [redacted] for resale. [redacted] also advised that [redacted] was associated with a proprietor of Freddie's Tap, 2718-52nd Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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Spotchecks of Subject's home and business addresses have failed to disclose any unusual activity.

On May 20, 1963 MI T-1 advised that WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO have their books going in Racine and Kenosha, Wisconsin but definitely have not had any crap games going in Kenosha. He said that COVELLI and RIZZO go to the race tracks in Chicago quite often and both maintain boxes there but do not book at the race track.

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Date May 28, 1963

FRANK JANUZZI, Mid-Towne Hotel, Room 8, Racine, Wisconsin, advised that he was working part-time as a bartender at the Marine Bar, Racine, Wisconsin.

FRANK JANUZZI stated that he did not know ANTHONY BIERNAT personally but knew who he was after reading the newspaper accounts of BIERNAT's abduction in January, 1963.

JANUZZI stated that he was not working on January 7, 1963 at a regular job and could not recall where he was or what he was doing at that time. When questioned concerning the fact that he was observed at the North Shore Depot the night BIERNAT was abducted, JANUZZI stated that he often picked up the early edition of the Chicago Evening Newspaper at the depot, but he does not recall being at the North Shore Depot on January 7, 1963.

JANUZZI stated that he knows CADILLAC AL ALBANA, and that ALBANA used to work as a doorman for JOHN RIZZO who had a card game on 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin. In relation to this card game, JANUZZI stated that he used to be a "runner" and as a runner, he would pick up a few dollars by going out and bringing back food and beverage for the participating card players.

JANUZZI stated that he knew "WEISER" COVELLI, and that he has a vending machine business in the Kenosha area. He also stated that he would bet his life on the fact that "WEISER" COVELLI was not involved in the ANTHONY BIERNAT abduction and murder.

JANUZZI stated that JOHN RIZZO is going to the track every day but could not name any person or persons who accompany him to the various tracks.

He stated that RIZZO was going to the Sportsman's Track prior to May 13, 1963, and that he was presently going to the Washington Park Track. He also named MAY WOOD as a track frequented by RIZZO and COVELLI.

The following information was obtained by interview and personal observation:

DOB: 10-3-12
POB: Racine, Wisconsin

On 5-17-63 at Racine, Wisconsin File # 92-257
by SA [redacted]
SA FRANCIS M. MULLEN, JR./cef Date dictated 5-23-63

Height:	5'6"
Weight:	215
Hair:	Grey - in crew cut style
Eyes:	Brown and wears glasses
Build:	Stocky
Marital Status:	Not known
Criminal Arrests:	Admits to none - except for investigation on gambling - no charge

JANUZZI stated that you would not even find a good card game in Kenosha now due to the current heat from local and federal law enforcement. He also stated that the last time he was in Kenosha was in the middle of January, 1963.

JANUZZI stated that he is available for interview by Bureau Agents either at his place of employment or his living quarters at any time. He also stated that he is currently driving an old grey Pontiac, Wisconsin 1963 registration J11840.



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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 21, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 162-49

Title WILLIAM COVELLI

Character INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 21, 1963

WILLIAM COVELLI
INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

The following is a characterization of informants used in the report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above:

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MI T-1 is a Milwaukee hoodlum who is closely associated with gamblers and other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area, particularly so with those in the Italian-American element and is aware of their current illegal activities.

MI T-2 is a Kenosha source who [redacted] is aware of the Italian-American element and their current illegal activities.

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MI T-3 is a Kenosha source who [redacted] through personal contact still maintains association with this group.

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TO: Director, FBI (162-777)
SAC, Chicago (162-277)From: *AKS* SAC, Milwaukee (162-49) PSubject: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
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ReMilwaukee airtel to Bureau and Chicago, 6/10/63.

The following is comprehensive account of all investigation conducted concerning the alleged abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI since submission of reairtel. Also included is information concerning Attorney [redacted] and conditions in the Kenosha, Wisconsin, Police Department.

NEIGHBORHOODS AND ADDITIONAL WITNESSES

Neighborhoods at Point Where
Covelli was Released by Alleged
Abductors, 60th Street and 60th Ave.,
Kenosha, Wisconsin

The following persons were interviewed with negative results on 6/7/63 by SA CHARLES F. AHERN. All stated that they were asleep between 12:01 AM and 3:00 AM on 6/7/63 and were not awakened or otherwise disturbed by any unusual occurrences in the area:

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It will be recalled that COVELLI recovered his car on the parking lot of the County Garage located at 60th St. and 57th Ave. immediately after his release. The following persons in that area were interviewed with negative results on 6/7/63 by SA CHARLES F. AHERN. All stated that they were at their homes between 12:01 AM and 3 AM on 6/7/63 and were not aware of any unusual activity in the neighborhood:

[REDACTED]

On 6/7/63, [REDACTED], advised SA AHERN that she was watching TV in a room overlooking the street until approximately two AM, but neither saw nor heard anything to attract her attention.

Additional Neighborhood at
36th Ave. and Roosevelt Road,
Kenosha

On 6/12/63, Mrs. WILLIAM COVELLI advised SAs [REDACTED] and ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND that [REDACTED] told her she had witnessed the arrest.

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On 6/12/63, SA [] SA LEGRAND interviewed [] Kenosha, who advised that at 10:30 PM on Thursday, 6/6/63, she heard a siren outside but that she and her husband were already in bed, believed somebody was being arrested for a traffic violation and did not look out of their window.

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On 6/12/63, [] was interviewed at [] and advised that [] on 6/7/63 at this bakery, which is opened all night; that [] and did not witness any arrest or recall hearing any sirens.

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On 6/13/63, [] advised SA [] that between 10 PM and 10:30 PM on 6/6/63 she heard a siren and went to the door of her porch and looked out. Several doors away she saw two cars, which she could not describe or identify. She heard at least two voices but could not make out the figures of any persons because of the dark. She heard two car doors slam. She saw a flashing red light on one car. She made no other observations.

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Additional Neighborhood near
the Biernat Burial Site,
Kenosha, County, Wisconsin

On 6/10/63, [] who lives on [] the abandoned farm house in which the body of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT was found, advised SAs CHARLES A. AUSTIN and [] On Thursday or Friday, June 6 or 7, 1963, between 1 AM and 1:05 AM, [] when he observed two cars heading out of the area of the abandoned farm house on a dirt road and traveling in the direction of Hwy. 75.

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[] said he was certain of the time of the night because he leaves work at American Motors in Kenosha, Wisc., at 12:30 AM, and it takes him exactly one-half hour to get home from Kenosha. He was a quarter of a mile from the turn where the abandoned farm house in which BIERNAT's body had been found is located when he noticed a car coming. He noted that it had only one occupant, the driver, and believed it was a 1957 Ford, tudor, light in color, proceeding at a normal pace. An eighth of a mile behind this car was another car, and from its speed he gained the impression it was attempting to catch up with the first. He believed this second car to be a light colored Cadillac, fordor, which he believed to be occupied only by the driver. He thought the second car was a Cadillac because it was a very big car and had noticeable fins in the rear that a Cadillac of several years back possessed. The size made him think of a Cadillac, though it could possibly have been a Plymouth. He stated, however, he owns a 1956 Plymouth and his brother has a 1957 Plymouth with large fins, and the car did not seem to be of that make. He saw no license plates. He noticed no unusual activity of late in the immediate area of the abandoned farm house. His view of the cars which passed him on the road was obstructed by dust from the road.

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Neighborhood at Greco's Restaurant,
2209 - 56th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin

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On 6/8/63, [] advised SAs CHARLES A. AUSTIN and ALBERT B. KNICKREHM that he knew nothing of the abduction of COVELLI until eleven AM on 6/7/63 when he was so informed by [] LOUIS GRECO. [] said that he hadn't observed any suspicious strangers or cars in the vicinity of the restaurant during the pertinent period and had no information concerning the alleged abductors. [] responded to direct questions but volunteered no information.

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Concerning his own whereabouts, [] said that on the evening of 6/6/63, he borrowed COVELLI's station wagon and drove around town with a friend named []. He estimated that they used the car between 8:30 PM and 10:30 PM. When they returned to the restaurant they found COVELLI waiting for him there. COVELLI left for home about ten minutes later.

On 6/10/63, [] Gerolmo's Liquor Store and Tap, 2201 - 56th Ave., advised SAs AUSTIN [] that he knew nothing concerning the abduction of COVELLI.

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The following investigation at Kenosha, Wisconsin was conducted by SAs HOWARD R. VAUGHAN and WARREN J. KENNEY on June 12, 1963:

_____ Kenosha, Wisconsin was contacted at Greco's Restaurant, 2209 - 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin on the afternoon of June 12, 1963. _____ stated that he is _____

_____ WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI with whom he operates _____ the Kenosha Vending Company located next door at 2207 - 56th Street. _____ stated that on the evening of June 6, 1963 he was at _____ restaurant and that about 8:30 or 9:00 p.m. he took the Kenosha Vending Company's white 1962 Dodge station wagon and went to downtown Kenosha with a friend, _____ who was also at Greco's Restaurant that evening. _____ stated that when he left _____ restaurant _____ WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI was playing pinochle _____ which they did on many evenings. _____ stated that he _____ made a tour of downtown Kenosha and then took a ride along the lake in the vicinity of Carthage College and returned to the restaurant at approximately 10:15 p.m. when he observed that COVELLI _____ were still engaged in a card game. At approximately 10:30 p.m. _____ WEISER COVELLI announced that he was leaving for home and he departed in the company station wagon in which _____ had just returned shortly before. _____ stated that he then took the Volkswagon truck owned by the company and returned his friend _____ to his home and he also returned to his own residence _____ arriving there at approximately 11:00 p.m. _____ stated that on the next morning at approximately 11:00 a.m. when he entered _____ restaurant he was told _____ that COVELLI had been kidnaped and that he had not heard any information concerning the kidnaping prior to that time. He stated that he cannot

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recall who was in the restaurant at the time that COVELLI left at approximately 10:30 p.m. other than to say that it was the usual factory crowd who habitually ate their evening meal at the restaurant before reporting to the various factories on the 11:00 p.m. shift. [] stated that he knows nothing about the COVELLI abduction in addition to what he had already related and that while COVELLI had told him some of the details concerning the abduction, he stated that he would rather not relate them but that COVELLI be contacted personally concerning the matter. [] stated that [] was home sleeping at the time and that he would in all probability return to the restaurant at approximately 5:00 p.m. that afternoon.

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LOUIS GRECO, 6027 - 44th Avenue, was located at his restaurant, 2209 - 56th Street, at approximately 5:30 p.m. on June 12, 1963 by Agents KENNEY and VAUGHAN who appropriately identified themselves and he stated that he is the brother-in-law of WILLIAM COVELLI. Mr. GRECO stated that on the evening of June 6, 1963 his brother-in-law, WILLIAM COVELLI, entered the restaurant at about 7:00 or 7:30 p.m., at which time [] took the keys to the white 1962 Dodge station wagon owned by Kenosha Vending Company and departed. GRECO stated that his brother-in-law and he sat at a table in the Greco establishment and played cards almost continuously until about 10:30 p.m. at which time [] returned and COVELLI stated that he was going to leave for home. Mr. GRECO stated that he could not recall the names of any of the customers who might have been in the restaurant at that time but stated that it was the usual factory clientele. He stated however that he knows that []

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[] she may be able to furnish some additional information. GRECO stated that he saw no one that he believed to be suspicious in the restaurant at that time. GRECO stated that he stayed in the restaurant until after closing and that while cleaning up the

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restaurant he received a telephone call there at approximately 3:00 a.m. on the morning of June 7, 1963 from WEISER COVELLI, who sounded very upset and was crying. COVELLI told GRECO that he couldn't tell him exactly what happened but that he "had been picked up by the law." GRECO stated he recalls that COVELLI in his conversation indicated that someone had taken him out in the county in a car with a siren on it. GRECO stated that he told COVELLI to come to his restaurant and shortly thereafter COVELLI and his wife entered GRECO's restaurant, at which point GRECO advised him to call the police and his lawyer. COVELLI was so upset according to GRECO that he could not furnish any details and he, COVELLI, and his wife went home, however, at about 11:30 a.m. COVELLI and a tall attorney wearing glasses came into the restaurant and the attorney and COVELLI talked at some length as to what happened on the night of June 6, 1963. GRECO stated that he has no knowledge whatsoever as to who may have been responsible for the abduction of his brother-in-law and that he is unable to furnish any other information in connection with the matter.

[redacted] was interviewed at Greco's Restaurant, 2209 - 56th Street, at approximately 8:00 p.m., June 12, 1963. [redacted] stated that she has been

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[redacted] She stated that she recalls that upon her arrival there she observed WEISER COVELLI and [redacted] LOUIS GRECO engaged in a card game at a table in the restaurant but that a few minutes after she arrived COVELLI left the restaurant. [redacted] stated that there was nothing unusual in his departure and that she observed no strange individuals in the restaurant and she

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felt sure that COVELLI was not being followed by anyone in the restaurant. She stated that she has no idea as to who may have been responsible for the abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI.

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Neighborhood at William Covelli's
Residence, 7827 - 36th Avenue,
Kenosha, Wisconsin

The following investigation was conducted by SA HOWARD R. VAUGHAN
and SA [redacted] on 6/14/63 at Kenosha, Wisconsin:

The individuals contacted were unable to furnish any information of a pertinent nature regarding any activity or occurrence on 6/6/63, the date on which WILLIAM COVELLI was alleged to have been abducted. Nothing unusual was observed on 6/5/63 by these individuals. A number of neighbors stated that the WILLIAM COVELLI's kept much to themselves, did not mix socially in the neighborhood and remained aloof. No one had any idea as to the identities of individuals who would want to abduct WILLIAM COVELLI. Summary of information furnished is as follows:

[redacted], advised that sometime in May, 1963, perhaps five or six weeks ago, she saw on one occasion two automobiles parked in the general area in front of her house. The men had field glasses, and she described one of the automobiles as a light colored car, either cream or tan, and the other automobile as either black, partially black or a dark color. She thought that she had seen 3 or 4 men, and she believed that they were with some law enforcement agency.

[redacted] advised that sometime back in May, 1963, 4 to 6 weeks ago, that she had seen a dark automobile, possibly black, which might have had white or gold trim. She stated that the automobile was parked some distance down the block, and she observed two men sitting in the front seat of the automobile. She stated that she recalled that she had observed this automobile on only one occasion during the day, the day unrecalled and time unrecalled. She was unable to identify the make of automobile.

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_____ stated that she has very poor eyesight and is in need of glasses and, although she has glasses, does not usually wear them.

_____ stated that approximately two weeks ago, perhaps either Tuesday or Wednesday, which would be May 28 or 29, sometime in the morning, she observed a dark or a black automobile, which might have been an older car estimated as a 1946 to 1948 model. She stated that the automobile might have been a Chevrolet to the best of her recollection and that she had observed two men in the front seat of the automobile. She stated that a little later on in the morning, not recalling the specific hour, that the first automobile was joined by another car which she thought was a green automobile and to be an older model, make of which she could not determine. _____ stated that she is not familiar with the makes and models of the various automobiles. As she recalled, a heavy-set man in work clothes got out of the older green automobile and talked to the man in the dark or black car.

_____ advised that he had observed a light tan Ford, a 1956 to 1958 model, sometime during the week of June 3, 1963, and a little later on in the interview he thought the date perhaps might have been approximately May 29, 1963. He said that the automobile contained two men, that they were parked at the end of the street and in the lane leading to the Tirabassi Construction Co. _____ advised that he was unable to observe the license number and that he believed that he would have been unable to obtain said license number due to the distance and he thought the automobile was there either in the afternoon or early evening on this particular occasion.

_____, stated that she observed an automobile at the end of the street in the lane leading to the

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Tirabassi Construction Co., and she thought that it was perhaps approximately May 29, 1963. [redacted] advised that she was not sure of the color of the automobile but thought perhaps it might have been a darker car. She stated she did not take a good look at it as she did not want to be obvious and she is unable to identify automobiles by make or model. She further stated that she was unable to recall any license number or the number of people sitting in the car.

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The following were unable to furnish any information at the time of interview:

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ASSOCIATES OF ANTHONY J. BIERNAT, DECEASED

On 6/12/63 SAM IAQUINTA, 4605-65th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, was located and interviewed by SAs [] and RICHARD C. THOMPSON at the Sanders Amusement Company, 56th Street and 6th Avenue, Kenosha. He said that on the night of 6/6/63 he was out with JOE MADRIGRUNO until midnight and that MADRIGRUNO could verify this. He identified the latter as the Schlitz Beer Distributor in Kenosha whose office telephone is OL 7-5148. IAQUINTA said that after midnight he went to bed, and he heard nothing of the COVELLI abduction until Monday morning 6/10/63 when he caught it on the local radio station.

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IAQUINTA said that he had no information concerning the abduction but he had several theories. One was the whole story was a lie. Another was that COVELLI's own gang was checking him to see if he would squeal. He said that if this had been done by friends of BIERNAT, COVELLI would have been dropped in the grave and allowed to find his own way home rather than being driven back to town.

IAQUINTA stated that he thought it strange that COVELLI went back to Greco's Restaurant after the abduction, that is, on the early morning of 6/7/63. He said he had no proof of this but he had heard it stated.

On 6/12/63 [] Kenosha, Wisconsin, OX 4-2055, advised SAs [] THOMPSON that he was at home on the night of 6/6/63 which statement was verified by his wife. [] said that he didn't believe COVELLI had been kidnapped at all. He said that if he had, COVELLI would certainly have told everything that he knew. Then he added that he, of course, didn't know but what COVELLI had talked.

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[] said that he had no other theories about the abduction, but he knew that the gamblers in northern Illinois were angry with the Kenosha crowd because through the BIERNAT murder they had "put the heat" on gambling in northern Illinois and the gamblers there weren't making any money.

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[] said he had heard nothing further which would throw any light on the BIERNAT murder.

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On 6/12/63 [] Kenosha, Wisconsin, advised SAs [] THOMPSON that he was at Kelly's Bar, 4523-7th Avenue, Kenosha, on the night of 6/6/63 and remained there until after 2 a.m. the next morning. He said he was with JOHN KRAEMER, a retired man 70 years of age, who had since gone to Twin Lakes

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[] said that [] would remember that he was there because he had a fish dinner. He said that [] starts preparing his fish for Friday on Thursday night and [] would remember his having been served.

[] also said that the gamblers in McHenry, Illinois, were angry with the Kenosha crowd for bringing so much official heat to the gambling scene. He said the BIERNAT murder caused this.

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[] said he had no information concerning the COVELLI abduction nor anything new concerning the BIERNAT murder.

On 6/12/63 JOSEPH BIERNAT, 3526-10th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin, brother of ANTHONY BIERNAT, deceased, advised SAs [] THOMPSON that on 6/6/63 he worked at the MacWhyte Company until 3:30 p.m. at which time he went home. He said that he probably went out to eat between 5 and 6 p.m. as this was his custom. He further stated that he then returned home and sat outside until about 10 p.m. when he went into the house to get ready for bed. For awhile he sat in the house with the lights out,

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looking out the front window. He saw a car stop and two girls
got out and ran up his steps. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had been out to see some relatives and
they had passed by the hospital on returning to town. [REDACTED]
thought she saw the car of BIERNAT's [REDACTED]

She, therefore, hurried over to see JOSEPH BIERNAT to tell him
he was a grandfather. Inquiry disclosed, however, that this
was all a false alarm. The girls stayed only a short time and
then left and BIERNAT went to bed. He said he had no information
about the COVELLI abduction but the men who worked with him
at the plant said they thought it was a phony. He said he also
had no new information concerning the murder of his brother.

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FRANK L. BARCA
2413-34th Avenue
Kenosha, Wisconsin

On 6/12/63 SAs [] and ALBERT G. MACDONALD attempted to locate FRANK L. BARCA at his place of business, the Advance Novelty Company, 5227-13th Avenue by placing calls and leaving word at his residence. He was located about 5 p.m. at his residence. He stated that he knew WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and last fall COVELLI approached him about buying his jukebox route. COVELLI apparently wanted to buy the route as he had a vending machine route and wanted to add the jukebox business. BARCA stated he was willing to sell because he now has a regular job driving a truck for American Motors which pays him well but requires him to get up early in the morning and also means that if he has to service his jukebox route he has no free time. COVELLI asked him what price he wanted but he was unable to give an answer inasmuch as he wanted to figure out what the route was worth as he did not want to give away a business which he had built up over a 20-year period. COVELLI indicated that he should not expect top price. He was asked by COVELLI on numerous occasions about the price for the route but since he had never actually had time to figure it out he had not given COVELLI a price.

He stated that he did not know who had killed TONY BIERNAT on January 7, 1963 and had not heard any rumors as to the reason for the killing. He also stated that [] BIERNAT's route, and he has not been approached by anyone for his route and as far as he knows [] has not been approached.

He also stated that he has no idea about who could be responsible for the alleged COVELLI abduction and it was ridiculous to state it was the responsibility of the FBI. This incident would indicate that it was an idea of a warped mind. However, it would not indicate who such a person might be.

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INTERVIEWS OF HOODLUMS AND HOODLUM CONTACTS

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI
3043 North Shepard Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On 6/10/63, SAs ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND and RICHARD C. THOMPSON attempted several times to locate BALISTRIERI at his residence. They identified themselves and requested that BALISTRIERI contact them through the Milwaukee Office immediately. Checks were also made at Gallagher's Restaurant and the Downtowner, which are enterprises of BALISTRIERI, with negative results.

In midafternoon on 6/10/63, the above Agents observed BALISTRIERI's car in a residential area near his home; but, as the Agents were traveling in the opposite direction, BALISTRIERI's car disappeared before contact could be made. At about 4:40 PM on 6/10/63, BALISTRIERI called the Milwaukee Office and said he would be available for interview on some neutral ground of the Agents' choosing at half-past five.

BALISTRIERI was interviewed by SAs LE GRAND and THOMPSON at 5:30 PM. He was first asked for specific information relative to an allegation made by Attorney [redacted] had said that on a recent night BALISTRIERI had grasped an Agent on surveillance by the shirt and had cocked his fist and demanded identification. Furthermore, [redacted] said that he thought no Federal charge could have been brought against BALISTRIERI for assault of a Federal officer if he had struck an Agent who refused to identify himself. BALISTRIERI said he recalled the incident and related the following:

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One night, less than three weeks ago, he observed that he was being followed by a car, and he stopped to find out about it. He stopped approximately in front of Maniaci's Bar and Restaurant, 1902 E. North Ave., where he chanced to observe a friend, WALTER BROCCA, in a truck. He asked BROCCA if he knew who was following him and BROCCA at first said they were police. BALISTRIERI then approached the surveillance car and asked the driver for his badge number, which the driver did not give nor did he identify himself. Then, BROCCA told BALISTRIERI that the surveillance was conducted by the FBI. On hearing this, BALISTRIERI took the license number of the car and went home followed by BROCCA in his truck and the surveillance car. There was no personal contact between BALISTRIERI and the driver. BALISTRIERI neither grasped the Agent's shirt nor cocked his fist as if to throw a punch. He said, in fact, he knew better than to attack an FBI agent as he knew it to be a violation of federal law. BALISTRIERI was assured that this was true. |||

BALISTRIERI complained, however, about his treatment by the FBI, saying that surveillances and four years of investigation had hurt his business to a point where he was about to go broke. He also said he avoided some of his friends because he was embarrassed for them due to the fact that they had been contacted by the FBI and knew of the investigation and, therefore, might not want to be seen with BALISTRIERI. BALISTRIERI said he was also concerned that his children would be embarrassed. He also complained about police and IRS investigation. He also complained of adverse publicity afforded by "The Milwaukee Journal."

BALISTRIERI conceded that his reputation as leader of the syndicate was the chief source of his troubles both with the law and the press, but he denied that there was a syndicate in Milwaukee although he knew there was a syndicate in Chicago.

BALISTRIERI denied any knowledge of the BERNAT murder or the COVELLI abduction. He commented that, although he couldn't

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hope to beat the Federal Government he had been fortunate recently in winning two cases--one consisting of a local charge involving a tavern violation and the other consisting of suppression of evidence in an IRS case. He attributed his success to his ability to pick good attorneys.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs ALBERT B. KNICKREHM and ALBERT G. MACDONALD:

CHARLES PISCIUNE
1515 North Van Buren

On 6/14/63 CHARLES PISCIUNE was located at his residence, 1517 North Van Buren Street. PISCIUNE was questioned regarding the alleged abduction of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI in Kenosha, Wis. on 6/6/63. PISCIUNE advised that he is not acquainted with COVELLI and has never been to Kenosha, Wis. He stated that he did not believe COVELLI's story that he was abducted by FBI Agents. He stated that this sounded fantastic to him. He further advised that as a result of his arrest several weeks ago by the Internal Revenue Service for booking without a Federal gambling tax stamp he has lost his wife and he is in dire financial straits. He stated that he was formerly the licensee of the Lamp Post at Fifth and Michigan, which building was recently razed and because of his arrest he was unable to obtain another liquor license. He stated that he had absolutely no information as to who was responsible for the abduction and subsequent murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT on 1/7/63 but wished that the FBI would solve this case so that the pressure would be off. He advised that now since COVELLI claims he was abducted this puts additional pressure on the Italians and further puts them in a bad light. He advised that he had hoped things would settle down so that he could live as he had been living prior to BIERNAT's murder. He stated that should he receive any information regarding BIERNAT's murder or the abduction of COVELLI he would immediately notify the FBI.

JOSEPH PISCIONE
435 North Storey Parkway

PISCIONE was interviewed at his residence on 6/14/63. When the agents rang the doorbell [redacted] came to the door and agents stated that they wished to talk [redacted]

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[redacted] Whereupon JOE PISCIONE immediately came to the door, admitted the agents, but appeared to be nervous. PISCIONE was questioned as to what he knew about the alleged abduction of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI by FBI Agents. PISCIONE stated that he only knew what he had read in the paper. He stated that he felt that this story about the abduction is absurd and ridiculous. He advised that he knew the FBI was not involved in any such incident. He also advised that this was also the same opinion of SAM CEFALU with whom he had had a conversation earlier in the week at Pop MANIACI's Restaurant. He stated that he has absolutely no idea as to who may have abducted COVELLI nor what the reason for the abduction was. He stated that an instance such as this just puts additional pressure on the other Italians in Milwaukee and Kenosha and that there is already too much pressure put on the Italians as a result of the BIERNAT murder. He advised that he knows absolutely nothing as to who was responsible for the murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT on 1/7/63 adding that he didn't know BIERNAT and has never been to Kenosha. When it was pointed out to him that it is inconceivable that he knows nothing regarding the abduction and murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT because he associates with all of the known hoodlums in the Milwaukee area, he stated that this is true but that he doesn't discuss such things with them and doesn't want to be involved in any of the hoodlums' activities. He advised that should he receive any information either as to the persons responsible for the murder of BIERNAT or the abduction of COVELLI, he would notify the Milwaukee Office of the FBI.

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BEN DE SALVO
4926 North 38th Street

Attempts were made to locate and interview BEN DE SALVO on 6/13/63 at his residence. [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he was not at home and that as far as they knew he was at his place of employment. They added that he was

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employed on the construction job at the Veteran's Administration Hospital.

On 6/14/63 [redacted] Merritt-Chapman and Scott Construction Company advised that DE SALVO was employed as a laborer by his company and that he was working at the site of the new power plant which is being constructed.

DE SALVO was located on the job at the power plant and after the agents had identified themselves DE SALVO stated that he was sick and tired of being pestered by the FBI. He stated that after having been interviewed by the FBI the last time he was contacted, his attorney told him that he would not have to talk to the FBI and that if they wanted to talk to him they should get a warrant. He advised that he had absolutely nothing to say and that if we wanted to talk to him we should get a warrant. He advised that he may lose his job if the FBI did not quit bothering him. DE SALVO expressed a belligerent attitude and was very perturbed as to why the FBI had gone to his home and inquired from his [redacted] as to his whereabouts. He stated that this upset [redacted] to no end. He reiterated that he had nothing whatsoever to say to the FBI that he was sick and tired of being bothered by the FBI and that if we wanted to talk to him we should get a warrant.

[redacted] was approached for interview as he approached his car with an armful of cleaning which was parked in the lot behind his place of employment, Checker Cleaners, 1012 South First Street. This cleaners is run by STEVE DE SALVO, a top hoodlum of the Milwaukee Office. As the agents approached [redacted] and identified themselves [redacted] stated that he had absolutely nothing to say to the FBI and that upon advice of his attorney he was going to refuse to talk to the agents unless they had a warrant. [redacted] then got into his car but was unable to move his vehicle because of the Bureau car blocking his behind and

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the agents placing themselves in a position so that he could not close the car door. Finally after considerable conversation [redacted] admitted that he had heard of the COVELLI incident but that he did not know COVELLI. He advised that he had never even heard of him but did admit that he goes to Kenosha on numerous occasions to visit [redacted]. He stated that he was last in Kenosha on Sunday, 6/9/63 and that there was not even any discussion of COVELLI's abduction. He advised that he has no idea as to whom was responsible for the murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT nor does he have any idea as to why BIERNAT was murdered. He stated that he works hard for a living at this cleaning establishment and that his wife runs one of the outlets for Checker Cleaners on North Holton Street. He advised that he stays home during the evenings and that he knew he was home on the evening of 6/6/63.

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STEVE DE SALVO
2605 East Holmes
Cudahy, Wisconsin

In an effort to contact STEVE DE SALVO, 2605 East Holmes, Cudahy, his home was contacted by SAs CHARLES A. AUSTIN and HOWARD R. VAUGHAN the evening of 6/11/63. DE SALVO's tavern, Cudahy and Checker Cleaners, 1012 South First Street, Milwaukee where finally located.

DE SALVO when informed of the identity of agents refused to open the door. He said, by yelling through the store glass windows, that he wouldn't talk to agents, that if agents wished to talk to him, to get a warrant and take him downtown for questioning. He displayed an arrogant belligerent attitude, and engaged in shouting at agents to leave him alone, he had nothing to talk about.

DE SALVO was interviewed in the parking lot behind his place of business, Checker Cleaners, 1012 South First Street on 6/14/63. DE SALVO apparently was told by one of his delivery boys that

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[redacted] was being interviewed in the parking lot because DE SALVO came to the parking lot, approached [redacted] car on the passenger side and spoke in Italian [redacted]. The agents told DE SALVO to speak English not Italian since he was an American citizen. Since agents had terminated their interview with [redacted] and the occasion presented itself to interview DE SALVO, [redacted] was permitted to leave. DE SALVO was questioned as to his knowledge of COVELLI's alleged abduction by the FBI. DE SALVO expressed complete contempt for the agents and sarcastically stated that he didn't even know COVELLI, never even heard of him. He also advised that he had never been to Kenosha, Wis. He advised that if he's done something wrong, get a warrant and if we didn't have a warrant he wasn't going to talk to us. He expressed complete contempt to the FBI and for law enforcement in general stating that we had caused him nothing but trouble, harrassment and embarrassment. DE SALVO was told that if he wants to act like a hoodlum he'll be treated like a hoodlum; if he wants to act like a gentleman he'll be treated like a gentleman. He was also told that it was hoodlums like himself that were causing the Italians in this area of the state to be drug through the sewers of the city of Milwaukee and that decent respectable Italians resented his actions. DE SALVO emphatically refused to look at the agents' credentials stating he didn't care about looking at them. He didn't have to talk to us and to get a warrant if we wanted to talk to him. DE SALVO was instructed to look at the agents' credentials and told that we didn't want another COVELLI incident, that we were FBI agents and we wanted him to know we were FBI Agents and had credentials to prove it. When the credentials were held in front of his eyes he closed his eyes and turned his head away stating he didn't have to look at these credentials. The interview was one of complete contempt on the part of DE SALVO for the FBI.

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FRANK LA GALBO
1414 East Albion Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The following investigation was conducted on the evening of June 11, 1963 by SAs ALBERT G. MACDONALD and WARREN J. KENNEY:

The Agents entered Chico's Bar and Restaurant located at 1544 North Farwell Avenue and were told [redacted] that [redacted] FRANK LA GALBO, was not at the bar but that he had been there only a few minutes earlier. [redacted] was advised as to the identity of the Agents and he stated that he would make an attempt to locate [redacted] FRANK, the proprietor, and he left by way of the back door of the tavern. [redacted] returned approximately five minutes later to advise that he was unable to locate [redacted] FRANK but that he expected that he might be in the bar later in the evening. The Agents remained in the barroom and approximately ten minutes later the telephone at the back bar rang and was answered by [redacted] who stated to Agent KENNEY that FRANK was on the phone and that KENNEY might speak with him. After properly identifying himself to FRANK LA GALBO it was requested that he make himself available for an interview and he advised that he was ill and that he didn't want to speak with Agents of the FBI about anything and that if the Agents wanted to know anything they should contact his attorney, DOMINIC FRINZI. Agents KENNEY and MACDONALD remained in the barroom for approximately five minutes and FRANK LA GALBO entered the front door and immediately advised Agents KENNEY and MACDONALD that while he respected the FBI Agents and the organization that he, too, was in business and that he would furnish no information to the FBI and referred the Agents again to his attorney DOMINIC FRINZI. There were several people in the bar at the time that LA GALBO entered and the patrons were aware of the identity of the Agents.

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VITO AIELLO
3038 North Maryland Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The following investigation was conducted on June 13, 1963 by
SAs HOWARD R. VAUGHAN and WARREN J. KENNEY:

The Agents were met at the door of the AIELLO home, 3038 North Maryland Avenue, by [redacted] VITO AIELLO, and after identifying themselves as Agents of the FBI were told by [redacted] that [redacted] was sleeping. The Agents advised [redacted] that it was important that they speak with him and [redacted] left the room and shortly thereafter VITO AIELLO entered the living room of the home and furnished the following information. VITA AIELLO stated that he has been a bartender at the Brass Rail located at 744 North 3rd Street, for the past 7 years and that he usually works from 5:00 p.m. until closing which is approximately 1:00 or 2:00 a.m. the following morning. He stated that Thursday is his day off and that on Thursday, June 6, 1963, he traveled to Madison, Wisconsin in his 1960 white Cadillac sedan bearing Wisconsin License C50-378, where he underwent examination at the Wisconsin General Hospital. AIELLO stated that he for the past four weeks has been suffering with a bulging tumor in the area of his lower stomach and he was much concerned as to whether or not the tumor was cancerous. He stated that he was assured that the tumor was not malignant by the doctors at Wisconsin General Hospital and that he returned to Milwaukee arriving in his car at approximately 3:30 in the afternoon. AIELLO stated that he stayed home the entire afternoon and evening and that no one used his 1960 white Cadillac. AIELLO stated that he did not know ANTHONY BIERNAT and that he is not acquainted in any way with WILLIAM or WEISER COVELLI. AIELLO stated that he learned of the kidnaping of COVELLI in the Milwaukee papers and that he has heard no information whatsoever as to who may have abducted COVELLI or BIERNAT. AIELLO

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stated that no one had access to his car and that it was in the AIELLO garage at all times on the evening of June 6, 1963.

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On the morning of June 13, 1963 Agents KENNEY and VAUGHAN were admitted to the [REDACTED] apartment [REDACTED] who stated that [REDACTED] was at home. [REDACTED] after being advised as to the identity of the Agents, stated that on the evening of June 6, 1963 he left his home as usual at about 9:30 p.m. and went directly to the Belmont Hotel located at North 4th and West Wells Street in his 1962 white Plymouth bearing Wisconsin License [REDACTED] stated that his visit at the Belmont Bar is a regular one and he cannot recall definitely who was in the lobby of the Belmont Hotel or at the Belmont Hotel Coffee Shop but he believes that he saw [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who is also known [REDACTED] He stated that he believes that he listened to a ball game in the hotel lobby and then at about midnight took a short ride along the lakefront and returned to his home at approximately 1:00 a.m. after he picked up a Chicago Tribune from the news box located at North Jackson and West State Street, which is approximately a half mile from his apartment home. [REDACTED] stated that he has not been in Kenosha, Wisconsin for several years and that he has no idea where the Bong Air Force Base is located and that he has never met WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI nor ANTHONY BIERNAT. [REDACTED] stated that he first learned about the BIERNAT slaying and the COVELLI abduction by reading local newspapers and that he has no information whatsoever as to who

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might have been responsible for either of these crimes. [redacted] states that he is employed [redacted] at Jenaro's Rentals, located at 4700 South 13th Street in Milwaukee, where he checks [redacted]. He stated that he is generally in charge whenever [redacted] leaves for the day and that his hours are rather irregular due to the fact that he has no specific duties assigned but is more or less responsible for the safety of the property.

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NICK COLLURA
737 North 10th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On the afternoon of June 13, 1963 the Agents identified themselves to FRANK COLLURA, the father of NICK COLLURA, at his residence 2005 West Orchard Street. Mr. COLLURA, who is 78 years of age, stated that his son was not at home but that he was driving a truck for some Milwaukee concern whose identity he was not aware of but stated that he was expected at the COLLURA residence at approximately 4:00 p.m. The Agents returned to the COLLURA residence at 4:00 p.m. but NICK COLLURA had not returned and another contact at the COLLURA home at approximately 5:30 p.m. resulted in the location of NICK COLLURA. COLLURA stated that he was residing at 737 North 10th Street in Milwaukee but that he came to the home of his father at the close of each working day in order to prepare food for his father. COLLURA stated that he is presently employed at the Rite-Way Tool and Dye Company located at 1212 South 1st Street, and that he is regularly employed from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. He stated that he drives a 1954 light green Pontiac sedan and that no one but he himself drives this car. He stated that he does not recall his exact whereabouts on the evening of June 6, 1963 but stated emphatically that no one had his car on that evening, that he was not in Kenosha and that he never has visited the Bong Air

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Force Base. COLLURA, who was visibly upset by the presence of the Agents and their questioning, stated that he does not know WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI, that he has never seen the man to his knowledge and that he did not know ANTHONY BIERNAT during his lifetime nor is he acquainted with anyone in the vending machine business. COVELLI stated that he is presently 53 years of age, having been born May 14, 1910 and that he has nothing to do with criminal activities in the Milwaukee or Kenosha areas or at any other place.

[redacted]

On June 13, 1963 the Agents identified themselves [redacted] who stated that she is [redacted] SAM DA QUISTA and that [redacted] was employed but that she did not know his place of employment. The Agents left their names and office telephone number [redacted] and she stated that she would have [redacted] call upon his return. The Agents then proceeded to the Albanese Brothers Pizzeria at 5460 South 27th Street, where [redacted] advised that he [redacted] has very little to do with him and had no idea as to where he might be located. A return [redacted] approximately an hour later resulted in contact with [redacted] mother, who is 75 years of age and who advised the Agents after they identified themselves to her that she had no idea where [redacted] might be located, but she assured the Agents that [redacted]

[redacted] At approximately 6:00 p.m. [redacted] telephonically contacted the Agents and stated that he would appear voluntarily at the Milwaukee Office

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of the FBI at approximately 7:00 p.m. June 13 for interview. [redacted] did report to the office of the FBI at approximately 7:10 p.m. and advised that he has been employed at the International Harvester Company in Milwaukee for the past 27 years and that on the evening of June 6, 1963 he was visiting with his [redacted] at her home located [redacted] in Milwaukee. He stated that a friend, [redacted] was also at the [redacted] apartment and that the three played cards and had a generally quiet social evening. He stated that while he owns a 1962 light blue Buick automobile, he has not been able to drive the same since May 22, 1963 when his license was revoked. [redacted] stated that he was last in Kenosha, Wisconsin in late January or early February of 1963 to see his attorney, [redacted] and to attend as a spectator at the Girls State Bowling Tournament held there. He stated that while visiting at the restaurant of LOUIS GRECO in Kenosha he was introduced to GRECO's brother-in-law, WEISER COVELLI and that that is the first time that he ever met COVELLI, although he has known GRECO for many years. [redacted] stated that he never met TONY BIERNAT and that he knows nothing whatsoever about the abduction of WEISER COVELLI or the murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT. [redacted] stated emphatically that he was not in Kenosha, Wisconsin on Thursday, June 6, 1963 and that he has not been there since his visit during the State Bowling Tournament with the exception of the trial for the drunken driving charge in Kenosha on May 22, 1963. [redacted] stated that he has much difficulty getting around since his license has been revoked and that he has been assisted in his travels by [redacted] his old friend who operates [redacted] at 34th and State Street in Milwaukee. [redacted] did not appear to be upset in any sense and stated that he would be most happy to cooperate at any time the FBI felt that he could be of any assistance.

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JOSEPH FRANK ENEA
2510 West Glendale
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On June 13, 1963 Agents VAUGHAN and KENNEY identified themselves [redacted] at the ENEA apartment located at [redacted] stated in a very curt manner that [redacted] was not at home, that he was not expected home until after he finished his work early the next morning but that she expected he could be found at the Downtowner Cocktail Lounge located at 340 West Wells Street after 4:00 p.m. The Agents attempted to gain entrance at the Downtowner Cocktail Lounge at approximately 5:00 p.m. and the door was locked however a minute or two later an individual with keys in his hand opened the door and permitted the Agents to enter the cocktail lounge which he stated was not as yet open for business. The Agents told the individual that they were with the FBI and that they wanted to speak to JOSEPH FRANK ENEA and he stated that he was JOSEPH FRANK ENEA but that he didn't want to speak with any Agents of the FBI. At this point ENEA demanded to be furnished with the names of the Agents in writing and he was furnished with the names. At this juncture the Agents stated "Are you sure you are JOE ENEA?" and he stated that "I am but I will not talk to you and refer you to my attorney DOMINIC FRINZI." The interview was terminated at this point and no further efforts were made to contact ENEA or his attorney.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs WARREN J. KENNEY
[redacted] on 6/14 and 15/63:

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

[redacted] Radio and Telephone Answering Service, Inc.,
429 W. Michigan, advised on 6/14/63 that [redacted] is a sub-
scriber to the answering service and that his records reflect that
[redacted] who resides [redacted] is in the juke-
box and amusement machines business. Word was left with the
answering service to advise [redacted] when he made his next
call there that the FBI was looking for him, wanted to talk to
him and for him to contact the local FBI office.

At [redacted] on 6/14/63, [redacted]
[redacted] was shown the credentials of the Agents and advised
that they wanted to speak [redacted] said that [redacted]
[redacted] was not there and that he did not know when he would
return. Agents observed a warehouse located at 610 E. Pleasant
where [redacted] keeps various jukeboxes and amusement machines to
be locked and unattended. Agents then made inquiry at an
Italian butcher shop located at 1600 No. Jackson as this building
is adjacent to above-mentioned warehouse. There, one [redacted]
[redacted] was advised of the Agents' identities, and inquiry was
made as to whether or not [redacted] was known to him and,
if so, what were his whereabouts because the FBI wanted to talk
to him. [redacted] said that he is [redacted]
[redacted] and that he only sees [redacted] occasionally when he
comes in to use the telephone. [redacted] was instructed to
tell [redacted] that the FBI was looking for him and wanted
to talk to him and that he was to contact the local FBI office.

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Later in the evening on 6/14/63, telephonic contact was made with [redacted] and he advised that he would come to the FBI office the following morning at ten o'clock to be interviewed. Subsequently on this date, [redacted] Milwaukee attorney, called the office and requested to speak to the Agents who had been attempting to locate and interview [redacted]

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At 9:55 AM on 6/15/63, SA WARREN J. KENNEY telephonically contacted [redacted] who advised him at that time that [redacted] and requested that the Agents meet [redacted] office at eleven o'clock that date. [redacted] was advised in no uncertain terms that the FBI had no desire to speak to her [redacted] and wanted only to interview [redacted] and that if [redacted] came to the FBI office at ten o'clock he would be interviewed. [redacted] did not appear in the office at ten o'clock AM on 6/15/63.

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At 10:25 AM, 6/15/63, [redacted] telephonically contacted the FBI office and advised SA KENNEY that his client, [redacted] did not wish to be interviewed by Agents of the FBI unless it was in the presence [redacted] was advised that the FBI would not interview [redacted] in his presence and requested that [redacted] himself, contact the FBI and inform them himself that he would not be interviewed unless it was in the presence of his attorney.

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At 11:29 AM, June 15, 1963, [redacted] telephonically advised SA WARREN J. KENNEY that he would not present himself for interview by Bureau agents unless he was accompanied by his attorney, [redacted] Accordingly, [redacted] was advised that the interview would not be conducted.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted]
[redacted] ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND:

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Kenosha, Wisconsin

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[redacted] advised he has been acquainted with WILLIAM COVELLI almost all of his life and that COVELLI has cigarette machines in his place. He claimed the last time he saw COVELLI was four or five weeks ago at the Towne House, that COVELLI [redacted] collects from these machines each week, but that he is not present on all of the occasions that COVELLI appears at the Towne House.

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[redacted] stated that he always had the juke machines of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT at the Towne House and still has them, the company now being operated by SAM IAQUINTA.

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He said he has known BIERNAT since 1949 or 1950 but hadn't seen BIERNAT personally since the forepart of December, 1962.

He stated he was formerly in partnership with WILLIAM COVELLI in the operation of the Club Holiday in the Dayton Hotel, Kenosha, Wisconsin, about five or six years ago. This partnership lasted one year.

He stated that a year or so ago he gambled at a gambling house operated by WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO at 56th Street and 22nd Avenue in Kenosha, Wisconsin but has not been so engaged in the recent years. He knows JOHN RIZZO but does not associate with him.

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[] stated that WILLIAM COVELLI and ANTHONY J. BIERNAT had always seemed to him to be respectable businessmen but that of course one could not know everything which was in a person's private life. He said he had no idea why BIERNAT was murdered or why COVELLI was allegedly abducted.

He stated he had no information concerning gambling houses in Kenosha, Wisconsin at the present time and makes it a point not to inquire about such matters because if he referred a customer to such a place, ^{he} would lose the customer when the latter lost his money.

He said he was in partnership in the Towne House []
[] that no one else had an interest in his place, but that he was financed by the Kenosha National Bank.

[]
Kenosha, Wisconsin

[] was interviewed at his residence by SAs []
LE GRAND. He advised he is []
[] the Towne House, and bartends []
[] in the evenings. In the daytime he acts as a liquor salesman for the Metropolitan Liquor Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

He said he has known WILLIAM COVELLI since childhood, formerly living in the same block with COVELLI, and believes that COVELLI is a person who would hurt no one and is a "nice guy." He has no idea why COVELLI was abducted.

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He said he knew ANTHONY J. BIERNAT by sight and that BIERNAT had the reputation of being a good fellow and he has heard nothing concerning the cause or circumstances of BIERNAT's murder other than what he has read in the newspapers. He said he does not believe there is any big time gambling going on in Kenosha and does not know anything about COVELLI's gambling operations. He stated he hasn't enough money to gamble himself and support his family. He stated he knows JOHN RIZZO by sight but is not acquainted with him and knows nothing of his activities.

[REDACTED]
Kenosha, Wisconsin

[REDACTED] was interviewed at his residence by SAs [REDACTED]
LE GRAND on June 12, 1963.

He stated he is a [REDACTED]
the Towne House, [REDACTED] but does not associate with
them and for the past 13 years has been employed as [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] North Chicago,
Illinois and had just returned from his [REDACTED] position at
the time he was interviewed.

He stated he was not acquainted with ANTHONY J. BIERNAT or
WILLIAM COVELLI although he knows what WILLIAM COVELLI looks
like. He stated his father knew WILLIAM COVELLI's father who
had been murdered some time ago.

The Kenosha Directory shows that [REDACTED] is employed as a
[REDACTED]

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[redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed by SAs CARLYLE N. REED and CHARLES F. AHERN at his above-indicated residence, on 6/15/63, at which time he furnished the following information:

He does not know WILLIAM COVELLI of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and has never been in Kenosha. He never knew ANTHONY BIERNAT and his knowledge of the BIERNAT slaying 1/7/63 and abduction of COVELLI on 6/6/63, is limited solely to what he has learned from news media. He could offer no thoughts as to who may have been responsible for the BIERNAT or COVELLI crimes.

[redacted] was born in the Italian community [redacted] in Milwaukee where the BALISTRIERIs were also reared. In this way he became acquainted with FRANK BALISTRIERI and his brothers.

He admitted one arrest for having placed basketball bets for several friends in Milwaukee for which he was arrested and fined \$25.00, and "took the rap" rather than expose his friends. Because of this he was contacted by the Internal Revenue Service and had to buy a Federal Gambling stamp even though this was the extent of his gambling. He denied operating lotteries on any other illegal activities.

He is employed as [redacted]

[redacted]

He claims that he spends his spare time at home with his wife and three children and has no association or contact with any hoodlum elements.

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JOSEPH SPERA
3023 North Cramer Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On 6/15/63 JOSEPH SPERA, advised SAs CARLYLE N. REED and CHARLES F. AHERN that he has resided in Milwaukee since his emigration from Italy in 1921 and at his current address for the past four years. He said he is a naturalized citizen of the United States and is employed as a garbage collector by the City of Milwaukee Department of Sanitation. He said he has been so employed since 1945. In addition, he related that in June, 1962 he purchased three phonograph machines (jukeboxes) [redacted] [redacted] at the following locations in Milwaukee:

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Sportsmen's Bar
7th Street;

MANIACI's Bar, East North Avenue

Bon's Bar, North Avenue.

He said he derives an income of about \$12.00 per week per machine and that he embarked on this venture to provide himself with a source of income to supplement his pension allowance when he retires in about four years hence.

SPERA said that he was not acquainted with ANTHONY BIERNAT and had never heard of him until he read the publicity about his death. He denied any familiarity with WILLIAM COVELLI and when reminded that COVELLI's name had appeared prominently in recent newspaper accounts as the result of his alleged abduction in Kenosha, SPERA said he had not read the local newspapers for over a week because he has been on vacation and spending his entire day working around his home. SPERA said he had no associates or contacts in Kenosha, Wisconsin and had never visited Kenosha.

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SPERA said that he does not gamble and that he has no familiarity with gambling operations in Milwaukee or elsewhere.

He acknowledged that he has been acquainted for many years with the BALISTRERI brothers, FRANK, PETE, BUSTER, and others by reason of having grown up in the same neighborhood with them. He said his contacts with them in recent years have been limited to chance meetings on the street and at weddings and funerals.

He said that he has not been subjected to any pressures or demands for proceeds from his jukebox business.

SPERA said his only record of arrest consists of incidents when he was a youth when he was arrested for "hanging around" after which he was released without trial.

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AUGUST MANIACI
2121 No. Newhall
Milwaukee, Wisc.

On 6/11/63, MANIACI was located at Maniaci's Bar and Restaurant, 1902 E. North Ave., and interviewed by SAs [REDACTED] RICHARD C. THOMPSON. He stated that he had read of the COVELLI abduction but had no personal knowledge of it. He said that on 6/6/63 he worked at the bar until about six PM and then went home. He said it was no longer clear in his memory whether he stayed home the rest of the evening or whether he went out again around midnight. He said that the confusion arose over whether he went to the Belmont Hotel around midnight on 6/5 or 6/6/63. In any event, he went to the Belmont on one of those nights and the other night he stayed at home. He said that the night he went to the Belmont Hotel he went there with JOHN AIELLO and then met WALTER BROCCA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as well as a man from the Mint Bar whose name he could not then recall. He said that these men all sat at one table in the coffee shop of the Belmont Hotel and talked until after two AM. He said that during this time he saw Detective [REDACTED] of the Special Assignment Squad, Milwaukee PD, who was with his partner. MANIACI spoke to both of them and thought they would remember the incident. He said that after leaving the Belmont Hotel he went home as he had to work again the following day.

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MANIACI also said that on the night of 6/7/63, he drove his wife to Rockford, Ill., to see her father who was old and sick. They remained until Sunday, but he got back in time to go to work at the bar by 6:10 PM.

MANIACI said that he was not acquainted with WILLIAM COVELLI, although he knew his father, RED COVELLI, whose head was blown off by a shotgun some years ago in Kenosha. MANIACI said that he undoubtedly saw WILLIAM COVELLI when the latter was a child but

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he would not know him at the present time. He said he thought that WILLIAM COVELLI had been sent to Italy as a child and had gone to school there.

MANIACI also stated that he thought it was ridiculous to think that the FBI had any connection with the abduction of COVELLI, but he thought that friends of BERNAT might have committed the abduction.

MANIACI said that he had no information to furnish concerning the BERNAT murder.



On 6/14/63, SAs ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND and RICHARD C. THOMPSON attempted to locate [redacted] at one of his usual haunts, Duffy's Pool Hall located at Van Buren and State Streets. Thereafter, [redacted] was located at his residence. [redacted] answered the door and produced [redacted] upon request after the Agents had identified themselves.

[redacted] stated at first that he had nothing to say and that the Agents should contact his attorney. When asked concerning his whereabouts on 6/6/63, however, he consented to interview.

[redacted] said that he was not acquainted with WILLIAM COVELLI. He said that on 6/6/63 he spent the evening at Duffy's Pool Hall, remaining until midnight. Thereafter, he went to the Puppet Lounge and remained until closing.

[redacted] said that he had no information concerning the COVELLI abduction or the BERNAT murder.

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On 6/12/63. SAs [redacted] RICHARD C. THOMPSON attempted to locate [redacted] at his residence. After the Agents had identified themselves, [redacted] said that [redacted] was at work on construction but that he would be home after five PM.

[redacted] returned home shortly after five PM and was contacted by the above Agents as he descended from his truck, which bore the lettering Bruno Concrete Construction. [redacted] advised as follows:

He spent Thursday night, 6/6/63, at home and he did not leave the house during the evening or during the night. He said this could be verified by his wife.

[redacted] stated that he was acquainted with WILLIAM COVELLI and considered him a "nice guy." He said that he had no information concerning COVELLI's abduction but was inclined to believe that the FBI had done it. It was pointed out [redacted] that this was ridiculous as the FBI did not engage in that kind of activity.

[redacted] also said that he had no information concerning the BERNAT murder, but he asked whether he was being interviewed because he had a criminal record. He was informed that he was only one of many who were being interviewed.

After interview [redacted] was interviewed separately. She stated that [redacted] was at home all night on 6/6/63.

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On 6/14/63, SAs [redacted] CHARLES A. AUSTIN made several attempts to contact [redacted] the Holiday House night club. At first contact several employees were questioned as to his location and at the second several other employees and patrons of the club. He was located at the club on the third contact.

He advised that he was working at the Holiday House, of which he is [redacted] the night of 6/6/63 and has not been to Kenosha, Wisc., for several years. He stated he did not know WEISER COVELLI but had heard of him. He knew of nothing concerning the alleged abduction of COVELLI on 6/6/63 other than what he has read in the newspapers. He stated that he is a legitimate businessman and is not happy that some of the Italians in this area have given the rest a bad name. He has no idea who could have been involved in the alleged COVELLI abduction but advised that if it did occur it was probably done by the local law in Kenosha since he feels that the "outfit" would have killed COVELLI if they bothered to abduct him or had the slightest doubt about him. He stated he would be happy to help the FBI in any way either in this matter or others if it would rid the town of the crooked Italians.

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On 6/13/63 and 6/14/63, SAs [redacted] CHARLES A. AUSTIN made repeated attempts to locate [redacted] at his home address

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where he lives in an upper flat. The tenant downstairs was contacted on both dates and questioned as to his whereabouts and occupation. Several of the neighbors were likewise questioned concerning

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On 6/14/63, [redacted] was located and interviewed and stated he is a traveling salesman of radio equipment and is out of town often. He advised that on 6/6/63, during the evening till quite late, he was with [redacted] of the Echo Communications Co. of Cedarburg, Wisc. It was noted that he was driving a 1960 brown Thunderbird auto with a large radio antenna in the center of the roof which he claimed was his car. He stated that he does not know WEISER COVELLI and has not been to Kenosha, Wisc., for at least one year. He has read about the COVELLI abduction in the paper but has no idea who could have done it or if it is a true story. He feels the story sounds "phoney" but could offer no theory as to the possible true situation.

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On 6/14/63, SAs [redacted] CHARLES A. AUSTIN attempted to locate [redacted] at home and at his place of business. His employer was contacted at his place of business and the agents informed him of their identity and desire to talk [redacted] Then, the Agents waited with [redacted] employer till he arrived and at this time was interviewed.

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[redacted] advised that he was working on 6/6/63 till 9:00 PM; then went home to bed. He does not know WEISER COVELLI of Kenosha and was not aware that he had been abducted on 6/6/63. He has never been to Kenosha, Wisc., to his knowledge and has no idea who could have abducted COVELLI. He stated that if any such information came to his attention he would call the FBI.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND:

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BUSTER BALESTRERE
1634 North Jackson Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On June 11, 1963 efforts were made to locate BUSTER BALESTRERE at his usual hangouts at the Clock Bar, Hickory Restaurant and Casino Tavern on North 5th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with negative results.

On the evening of June 11, 1963 BALESTRERE's automobile was found behind his home. His bell was rung successively and then Agents rapped loudly on the door but no one answered. SA LE GRAND then went to a phone booth located at the corner and telephoned BUSTER BALESTRERE, advised BALESTRERE of Agent's identity and stated he would like to speak to him about a matter for a few minutes. BUSTER said "I have nothing to say to you. Goodby." He then hung up.

SAM CEFALU
2572 North Holton
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On June 13, 1963 SAM CEFALU was interviewed at his residence by SAs [REDACTED] LE GRAND. He stated he was not acquainted with WILLIAM COVELLI and knew nothing about the abduction of COVELLI or about the BERNAT case. He then became greatly

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incensed and stated he was an honest man trying to make a living and that he was unable to get a job because of his age and the fact that he had been arrested by IRS and was dependent for his support on his wife. He proceeded to pound a coffee table until an ashtray fell off of it twice and condemned the actions of the government in making an arrest while he was operating a bar and taking him out of the place in handcuffs in view of all the people in the neighborhood. CEFALU was forceably told that if he were an honest working man as he claimed he had no fear of arrest, that in view of the fact he violated the law he must expect to be arrested and accept that as part of his profession and that no government agent was going to apologize to him for arresting him for being in violation of the law. He was told moreover that in his occupation as a bookmaker which was well known and for which he was arrested he was well aware of the activities of "the outfit" in intimidating bookmakers and pulling stupid mistakes such as the BIERNAT killing which brought heat upon them and following it with such a thing as the COVELLI abduction. CEFALU stated "The outfit -- all you fellows talk of the outfit -- what outfit." He claimed there was no such thing as an outfit. He was told that his statement that there was no outfit, in view of the fact that we know there ~~was~~^{is}, was an indication that he was not an honest working man as he claimed but was on that side. Mr. CEFALU then apologized for his outburst and became more subdued in his conversation but said that he thought that the arrest made by federal authorities could have been done in such a way as to not cause embarrassment to himself. He stated he knew nothing of the COVELLI matter and that he had spent the evening of June 6, 1963 at home.

JOSEPH ALIOTO
3824 North 13th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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JOSEPH ALIOTO was contacted at his residence on June 14, 1963 by SAs [REDACTED] LE GRAND. His parents were present at the original contact and he was asked if he would discuss a matter with Agents in private and Agents interviewed him outside of his house. ALIOTO at first stated he did not wish to be interviewed by Agents without the presence of his attorney. A state case against him on a charge of bookmaking had just been continued in court on that day. When he learned that the inquiry was not about his bookmaking activities he stated that he knew nothing about the abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI and was not acquainted with WILLIAM COVELLI. He said he knew nothing of the murder of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT other than what he had read in the newspapers. He said he had no theory on why COVELLI had been abducted. On June 6, 1963 he claimed to have spent several hours ending at 12:00 p.m. at Duffy's Pool Room located at Van Buren and State Streets, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and thereafter until approximately 1:30 a.m. on June 7, 1963 at the Puppet. He said he could not remember any of the individuals who were with him at either of these occasions and said these were the usual spots at which he hung out most of the week. He drives a 1962 maroon four-door Ford, Wisconsin License Plage G59-714.

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On 6/10/63 _____ advised SAs _____, and CHARLES A. AUSTIN that he is employed at American Motors and lives with his parents _____

_____ stated that he wanted to learn the vending machine business and as a result he worked as a part time route collector and salesman for WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI. He said he worked irregular hours and was paid with cigarettes or other material items but was not a salaried employee. He stated that due to his interest in the vending machine business he was serving an apprenticeship and this accounted for his not receiving a regular wage.

_____ stated that he was at Greco's Restaurant, 56th Street and 22nd Avenue on 6/8/63 around 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. and no one mentioned the alleged abduction of "WEISER" COVELLI. He added that he has been in the area of Greco's Restaurant on several occasions recently, but he does not recall any unusual activity.

_____ advised that he did not know ANTHONY BIERNAT and could offer no information concerning his abduction or his murder.

_____ advised that he did not know anything about "WEISER" COVELLI approaching ANTHONY BIERNAT in company with JOE GURERA and STEVE DE SALVO with the purpose of "buying in" to BIERNAT's jukebox business.

_____ stated that COVELLI has three jukeboxes in Kenosha and they are located at La Strada's Bar, the Tropic Club, and Greco's Restaurant. He was asked if COVELLI had any jukeboxes in storage and he stated that he knew of no other jukeboxes currently in the possession of COVELLI.

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[] advised that he would be willing to help the FBI in any way that he could and that he would immediately advise the Milwaukee Office if he heard of any information concerning ANTHONY BIERNAT or the alleged abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI.

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MICHAEL JOSEPH ALBANO
aka. Mike Albano
home add. 4144 N. 17th Street
bus. add. 1600 W. Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On 6/11/63 SAs [redacted] proceeded to 4144 North 17th Street, Milwaukee, Wis. in an attempt to contact and interview MIKE ALBANO. At this address MIKE ALBANO's [redacted] advised that [redacted] was downtown at the pizza restaurant and could be contacted at the 1600 West Wells Street address. Agents proceeded to Angelo's Pizza House and after waiting several minutes while ALBANO prepared a new batch of pizza batter were able to interview ALBANO.

ALBANO stated that he hasn't been in Kenosha since last year some time and that he has no information pertaining to the murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT or the alleged abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI. He added that the only thing he knows about either matter has been read by him in the newspapers.

ALBANO advised that he is acquainted with only one person in Kenosha and that this was [redacted] North Shore General Merchandise Company, 1916-52nd Street.

ALBANO stated he knows FRANK BALISTRIERI and STEVE DE SALVO, both of Milwaukee and that he saw DE SALVO approximately two or three months ago when STEVE came into his restaurant for a pizza carryout.

ALBANO stated that he was working at the pizza restaurant the entire evening of June 6, 1963 and continued on into the morning of June 7, 1963. He stated his restaurant is open from 3 p.m. until 3:30 a.m. or later the following morning depending on how much business he has had during the evening.

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ALBANO advised that he does not know [redacted] and has never employed him for any legal services. He did state, though, that he is currently employing the legal services of DOMINIC FRINZI concerning a personal note judgment on file against him.

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ALBERT ALBANA, aka.
"Cadillac" Al
3027-52nd Avenue
Kenosha, Wisconsin

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On 6/12/63 SA [redacted] made an attempt to interview AL ALBANA at his personal residence which is located upstairs over Dante's Bar. ALBANA did not respond to repeated ringing of his doorbell or to several knocks on the stairway door leading to his upstairs apartment. Subsequently the interviewing agent then entered Dante's Bar and conferred [redacted] the bar owner, and he agreed to call AL ALBANA on the bar telephone. ALBANA answered the telephone and advised [redacted] that he didn't want to speak to the FBI and that he had nothing to say to any agent. Shortly thereafter he answered a question initiated by interviewing agent and the interview was conducted on the telephone because ALBANA stated very sarcastically that he would not let agent upstairs to talk to him.

ALBANA advised that he was in Greco's Restaurant located on 22nd Avenue and 56th Street, Kenosha on 6/6/63 from early afternoon until sometime after midnight. He ate his dinner at Greco's Restaurant and later that evening he played cards at the restaurant with WILLIAM COVELLI. He stated he did not notice any strange cars or any strangers around Greco's Restaurant at anytime earlier in the day or that evening.

ALBANA advised he has not heard anything since the alleged abduction of COVELLI and has no knowledge about what happened other than what he has read in various newspaper accounts.

ALBANA was very hostile throughout the interview and uncooperative in general.

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It was noted by Bureau Agents as they departed from Dante's Bar that ALBANA made a move as if to get into his personal car and upon hearing the Bureau car start up he walked to the curb and noted the Bureau car license number.



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[redacted] was located and interviewed at his above-indicated residence on 6/14/63, after attempts were made to locate him at his place of employment, Sardino's Surf Lounge, 621 East Mason Street, and at the Sardino Inn, 1617 North Farwell, both located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. [redacted] furnished the following information to SAs CARLYLE N. REED and CHARLES F. AHERN:

He, [redacted] is well acquainted with FRANK BALISTRIERI (head of the hoodlum syndicate in Milwaukee), and that their families are long-time friends.

He does not know WILLIAM COVELLI, vending machine operator of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and first heard of him and his alleged abduction when he read about it in the newspapers or on news broadcasts. He claimed he had no knowledge of COVELLI's abduction, 6/6/63, had absolutely no information of possible pertinence regarding the abduction and had no suggestions as to who might have perpetrated the abduction. Likewise, he asserted that he had no information in connection with the BERNAT slaying. He denied knowing [redacted] and pointed out that he is not acquainted in Kenosha, Wisc.

[redacted] who was not belligerent during interview, explained that he is the [redacted] Swing Club, 2379 No. Holton, Milwaukee, Wisc.; that [redacted] Sardino's Inn, 1617 No. Farwell Ave., and [redacted] the Ale House, 663 E. Wisconsin Ave., both Milwaukee, Wisc.

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[redacted] was interviewed at his place of business, Giuseppe's Wagon Wheel, 5353 North Port Washington Rd., Milwaukee, Wisc., the Wagon Wheel being a bar and restaurant. [redacted] was interviewed by SAs CARLYLE N. REED and CHARLES F. AHERN:

He, [redacted] doesn't know WILLIAM COVELLI, Kenosha, Wisc., who was allegedly abducted on 6/6/63. He explained that he is not acquainted with the Italian "bunch" in Kenosha, Wisc., and only knew of COVELLI's abductors from news accounts of that incident. He claimed he had no information, hearsay or otherwise, which might be of assistance in identifying the abductors of WILLIAM COVELLI or the slayers of BERNAT who was also from Kenosha. He explained that he is not acquainted with the Italian "bunch" in Kenosha. He does know FRANK STELLOH, an ex-convict (FRANCIS CONRAD STELLOH), who has resided in the West Allis, Wisc., area.

[redacted] dwelled on the fact he is \$90,000 in debt as a result of going into his present place of business which was a new type of operation for him, since he had previously been a pizza-type restaurant operator and not a beer, liquor and steak house.

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PETER BARCA
1230 Sheridan Road
Kenosha, Wisconsin

On 6/12/63 SAs [REDACTED] ALBERT G. MACDONALD attempted to locate PETER BARCA at the Flamingo Club, at his home and at the Maple Crest Gold Club where he was supposedly playing golf. He was finally located at his home. He stated that he had sold the Flamingo Club about two years ago and that he now owns and operates the Barca Belting Company, a dealer in new and used converted belts and equipment. He stated this gives him plenty of time and he spends most of his time playing golf. Also on Saturday, June 8, he had gone to the races at Washington Park in Illinois and had been at a golf tournament at Oshkosh, Wis. on June 10. He stated he had not heard about the COVELLI abduction until he read the paper on Monday night, June 10. He stated he has not been in touch with any friends in Kenosha and had no idea as to who may have tried to abduct COVELLI and he personally did not believe that the FBI would be involved in such a situation. He also stated that he has no opinion as to who may have been responsible.

He stated that he was a very close friend of TONY BIERNAT and had seen him almost every day and had seen him later in the day on which he was murdered, namely, January 7, 1963. He stated he was unable to understand why BIERNAT had been killed because his jukebox route was not lucrative. He thought that BIERNAT paid his bills regularly, did not think he owed a large sum of money to anyone and did not think that BIERNAT did any gambling. He stated he thought it was a senseless murder and did not prove anything to anyone. He also stated he does not know who might have done this or the reason why.

[REDACTED]

On 6/13/63 SAs ALBERT G. MACDONALD [REDACTED]

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interviewed [redacted] at his residence and his elderly parents were present on the front porch. [redacted] gave the impression that he would be cooperative but appeared nervous and puzzled as to why he was being interviewed.

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He stated that he did not think he knew WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI although he might have seen him, and he knew nothing about COVELLI's alleged abduction. He stated that he was formerly a bartender at the tavern owned by SAM CEFALU but since that was closed he could not get a renewal of his bartender's license. He stated that he is now in the process of getting a street peddler's license in order that he could sell soap which had been his previous occupation. He stated that he has not discussed the COVELLI abduction with any of his associates and he had no idea as to whom may have done it.

He also stated that as far as he knew he did not personally know TONY BERNAT and knew nothing about his murder or who may have been responsible for it. He also stated that he has not been in Kenosha for eight years or more.

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On 6/13/63 SAs ALBERT G. MACDONALD [redacted] interviewed [redacted] at the bar at his place of business, the Talk of the Town, located at 507 West Wells Street. Although there were customers in the bar the agents clearly announced that they were with the FBI and desired to talk to him. He seemed to resent being questioned by the FBI at his place of business especially when customers were present. He was asked about the WILLIAM COVELLI abduction and stated that he had not been in Kenosha for many years and that he did not know COVELLI and knew nothing about it other than what had appeared in the paper. He also stated that this had not been discussed by him or other bartenders and friends when they convened at the Belmont Hotel after the bars closed.

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He also stated that he did not know TONY BIERNAT and did not know anything about why he had been murdered or who was responsible and also stated that he had not received any information from any of his associates about this matter.

CARLO DI MAGGIO
1526 North Franklin Place

On 6/13/63 SAs [redacted] and ALBERT G. MACDONALD contacted DI MAGGIO at his home just as he was leaving. He stated that he was about to go out to the County Hospital to get some more medicine.

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He stated that he had formerly run a butcher shop at 901 East Center Street but he had had a heart attack in May, 1962 and had since had to close his business. He stated that he had been quite sick and that his wife had died in about 1956 and he stays home most of the time because of his health. He also stated that [redacted] help to take care of himself

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[redacted] He stated [redacted]
[redacted] He stated that he does not associate with gamblers and hoodlums although he knows some of them because they grew up in the neighborhood where he has operated butcher shops in the past 4 years. He stated that he does not know anything about the COVELLI abduction, has not heard anything about it and has no ideas about it. He also stated that he does not know TONY BIERNAT and does not have any ideas or opinions in regard to why he was murdered.

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WALTER F. BROCCA
4023 South Kansas Street
Cudahy, Wisconsin

The above individual was located and contacted at his residence during the evening hours of 6/11/63 by SAs [redacted]

[redacted] BROCCA at first stated that he did not desire to talk to the FBI or the representatives of any law enforcement agency about any subject whatsoever but then stated in answer to questions that he knew nothing concerning what was supposed to have happened to WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI at Kenosha, Wisconsin; that he heard nothing about it; did not want to know anything about it and could furnish absolutely no information whatever concerning this or any other matter.

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Kenosha, Wisc.

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[redacted] "Dante's" at the above address, which is a combination tavern and rooming house, was contacted on 6/12/63 by SAs [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he has been acquainted with WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI for approximately 25 years; that he sees COVELLI periodically inasmuch as he has had COVELLI's vending machines in his place of business since the inception of its operation approximately two years ago, and he stated that he was completely surprised with what occurred concerning the allegations that WILLIAM COVELLI had been abducted on 6/6/63. [redacted] was interviewed at his place of business and he indicated that he believed he had no information at this or

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any time which would be of interest to any law enforcement agency.

_____ stated that he has _____ has by reason of previous sources been indicated as a big-time gambler and associate of various hoodlums in the Kenosha area by reason of _____ own admissions, having close contact _____ whose background is being set forth in other portions of instant communication.

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_____ WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI, is _____ Maxie's Grill at the above address, which is a combination restaurant and residence. Upon previous contact by Bureau Agents to arrange for interview _____ and _____ FRED "JEFF" COVELLI, she stated she did not wish to be interviewed or otherwise annoyed and had exhibited a belligerent attitude. On 6/14/63, SAs _____ contacted _____ at her place of business. She quietly agreed to be interviewed and was subsequently interviewed. Interview with _____ however, developed no specific information to identify the abductors of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI.

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FRED "JEFF" COVELLI
7544 Sheridan Road
Kenosha, Wisconsin

FRED "JEFF" COVELLI is a hoodlum and a one-time suspect in the murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT, which occurred January 7, 1963, in Kenosha County, Wisc. JEFF COVELLI in recent years has been

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reportedly shot up sometime in Illinois, being a shotgun blast by suspected Chicago hoodlums.

FRED "JEFF" COVELLI, who has been unavailable to Bureau Agents on different occasions for purpose of interview, was located at his residence, 7544 Sheridan Road, Kenosha, Wisc., on 6/14/63, by SAs HOWARD R. VAUGHAN [redacted] at which time he was awakened from a sound sleep. FRED COVELLI is currently employed at a local manufacturing plant and works the night hours. FRED COVELLI during the course of interview claimed no knowledge of circumstances regarding the abduction of his brother, WILLIAM COVELLI or the identities of the individuals involved who would want to "pull" such a job. COVELLI stated that he did not hear of the abduction until the following morning, June 7, at which time he had returned from work and was called by [redacted] WILLIAM, at which time he heard concerning the abduction.

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JOHN C. RIZZO
1906 Emmertson Road
Racine County, Wisc.

A number of efforts have been made by SAs [redacted] [redacted] to contact and interview JOHN C. RIZZO, hoodlum and gambling partner of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI, in the past week but with negative results. Following the efforts made by Bureau Agents, [redacted] Milwaukee, Wisc., attorney, called the Milwaukee FBI office on 6/14/63 and stated that he would make JOHN RIZZO available for interview by Bureau Agents sometime during the week of 6/17/63.

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NICK GENTILE
3937 North 76th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The following investigation was conducted by SAs JOHN A. HOLTZMAN and JOSEPH W. KRIEFSKE:

On 6/14/63 it was determined from Wauwatosa PD that GENTILE's last known address was 6831 West Bluemound. At this address no answer was received but contact was made [redacted]

[redacted] who stated that the new tenants have been working around the apartment [redacted] but have not moved in yet. She expected them to move in July 1, 1963. She said their present address was unknown.

At 11426 West Bluemound, Aunt Fanny's Pancake House, [redacted] said that he was not present nor was he at [redacted] where the telephone number [redacted]. She said that they would not be permitted to move into the Bluemound address because of the fact that they had a dog and that their permanent address would be the [redacted]. She said that [redacted] was in downtown Milwaukee looking for a job either selling soap or in the produce market on North Broadway Street and that she would have him contact the office when he got in touch with her. She was apparently very cooperative and made no inquiry as to the nature of agent's business [redacted]

Within an hour [redacted] did contact the office and arrangements were made to interview him on 6/15/63.

On 6/15/63 GENTILE was contacted at Aunt Fanny's Pancake House which he claimed is being operated by [redacted] his brother JOSEPH since he, NICK, was unable to get a license, and he furnished the following information:

It is noted that he was quite nervous at the outset of the interview but gave every appearance of being cooperative throughout the interview.

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He has not been employed other than endeavoring to get Aunt Fanny's in operation since about the first of the year, 1963. Being unable to get a license to operate because the Milwaukee Police scared the new chief in Wauwatosa (where Aunt Fanny's Pancake House is located) the license was obtained by his brother, JOSEPH, who had previously retired and the place is being run by [REDACTED] JOSEPH.

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GENTILE said that he had not been out of the city of Milwaukee except one time since January, 1963 and the one incident was a trip to Waukegan and Chicago to attend a confirmation party for the child of the man who financed and helped him get Aunt Fanny's Pancake House redecorated. He said he has only been to Kenosha about twice in his whole life and not at all in the past several years. He claimed not to be acquainted with WILLIAM COVELLI and to have never heard of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT until his death. He said that he has not been going to downtown Milwaukee in the past several years, he used to hang out at the Belmont Hotel occasionally, and has not heard any talk or conversation about the death of ANTHONY BIERNAT or the alleged abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI except the following:

Last week two unknown individuals were in the Pancake House and commenting on the newspaper article which said that COVELLI reported he had been kidnapped by FBI Agents.

GENTILE said that he hangs out occasionally at MANIACI's Restaurant on North Avenue, Milwaukee, but he has no association other than social with the MANIACIs whom he knows well or with other individuals who hang out there. He said that he used to be in business with VINCE MANIACI and was selling siding for Wisconsin Builders and Suppliers with AUGIE MANIACI. According to GENTILE AUGIE MANIACI is working days at the restaurant working behind the bar and his brother VINCE is working nights in the same capacity. He said there is no conversation coming to his attention at MANIACI's relative to the BIERNAT or the COVELLI matters. In fact, he has not been at MANIACI's since COVELLI's alleged abduction.

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He stated that he [] were at the Pancake House every night during the week of June 3 until 10:30 or 11:00 p.m. and specifically they were there on Thursday night, June 6 [] [] previously confirmed this information on June 14).

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GENTILE was questioned regarding his associates and knowledge of individuals of interest to this office and in an apparently cooperative manner furnished information not significant to this matter but of a general intelligence nature which is being made a separate communication for the Milwaukee Office.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs JOSEPH W. KRIEFSKE and JOHN A. HOLTZMAN on June 14, 1963:

[] was located at his residence at the above address without any difficulty and upon agents identifying themselves he immediately admitted them to his premises and in an apparently cooperative attitude furnished the following information:

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He is presently employed and has been so employed for the past two months at Antonio's Restaurant located at the intersection of Green Bay Avenue and Port Washington Road, Milwaukee (this is operated by TONY MACHI). He works from 4 to 6 p.m. and from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. and was so employed every night during the week of June 3 and specifically on Thursday night June 6, 1963. He said that he has not any personal knowledge and has not overheard any conversations relative to the ANTHONY J. BIERNAT murder or the alleged kidnapping of WILLIAM COVELLI. He claimed he was not acquainted with COVELLI or JOHNNY RIZZO, Racine, but did admit acquaintances with all Milwaukee hoodlums who were mentioned to him. He claimed not to have any knowledge of the illegal activities of these individuals and said that he does not associate with them although he knows them by virtue of

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having grown up in the neighborhood with them. He said that he has not been to Kenosha and does not know anyone there and that he has absolutely no information relative to the activities of Kenosha individuals or Milwaukee Italians who go to Kenosha. He disclaimed acquaintanceship with FRANK STELLOH.

He said that none of the alleged Italian hoodlums come to Antonio's but rather that place is frequented by a crowd of young people who come to enjoy the twist band that is working there.

[] said that he has never met [] but has seen him and knows who he is. He said that he knows DOMINIC FRINZI from his childhood and earlier associations and that he is a very good friend of FRANK BALISTRERI and his brother, PETE BALISTRERI. He said he goes to Gallagher's on more or less frequent occasions to visit with these men and "pay his respects." He denied, however, any information significant to their activities other than the operation of Gallagher's Restaurant and the Downtowner Bar.

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[] drives a white 1962 Buick bearing Wisconsin license

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Contact with TONY MACHI on the same date was had and he confirmed the fact that [] was working his regular scheduled hours on the night of June 6-7, 1963.

LOUIS FAZIO
2805 North Humboldt, Apt. 2
Unlisted phone FR 4-6232

The following investigation was conducted by SAs JOSEPH W. KRIOPSKE and JOHN A. HOLTZMAN on 6/14/63:

FAZIO was located at the night club operated by him and his brothers at 634 North 5th Street and in an apparently cooperative manner furnished the following information:

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He works daily at the restaurant until closing time at 2 a.m. He was so occupied on the night of June 6-7, 1963. This fact was confirmed by [redacted] who was also at the restaurant on the occasion of the interview. LOUIS FAZIO admitted acquaintanceship with all of the principals in the investigation of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT's murder, namely, FRANK and PETER BALISTRIERI, operators of Gallagher's Steak House, STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA, BUSTER BALESTRERE, FRANK STELLOH, JOHN RIZZO of Racine and WILLIAM COVELLI of Kenosha. He said, however, that none of these individuals have conversed with him or in his presence relative to the murder of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT or the alleged abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI.

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He said that the talk among the Italian hoodlums was that COVELLI was, in fact, abducted by FBI Agents. He claimed not to be able to pinpoint the source of his information any further and said that he personally did not believe it.

In an apparently kidding manner he suggested that [redacted] of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department might be responsible for this abduction and when asked for the reason for his statement he said "I know [redacted] Thereafter, he stated that he did not seriously think that [redacted] or the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department was responsible for COVELLI's abduction. He said that he did not think that BIERNAT's friends or associates were responsible for the incident either as "inasmuch as COVELLI came back." He said that Italian hoodlums who were responsible for the killing of ANTHONY BIERNAT had also caused the abduction of COVELLI to test him "he passed the test didn't he?"

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FAZIO concluded by stating that he did not have any information or any concrete ideas as to the reason either for the killing of BIERNAT or the alleged abduction of COVELLI. FAZIO said that he drives a 1959 orchard and white Buick registered in the name of [redacted] under Wisconsin license [redacted] the name [redacted] being [redacted]

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At the conclusion of the interview with LOUIS FAZIO [redacted] followed agents outside and stated that on Monday, June 10, FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO, and FRANK STELLOH had a private conversation over lunch in Fazio's Restaurant. He did not have any information as to the subject matter of the conversation or opinions as to the significance of this matter.

FRANCIS CONRAD STELLOH
1315 North 59th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The following investigation was conducted by SAs CARLYLE N. REED and CHARLES F. AHERN on 6/11/63 and early hour of 6/12/63, in an effort to locate FRANCIS CONRAD STELLOH, a suspect in the BERNAT abduction and slaying:

[redacted] Javell's Town and Country Tavern, Highway 75, and County Trunk FF, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, furnished the following information:

The last heard from STELLOH about June 6 or 7, 1963 at approximately 1:00 p.m. when he telephone [redacted] and said he had heard that [redacted] had made recordings and photographs of STELLOH [redacted] together. [redacted] stated this was not true and he was worried about what might be behind such erroneous information, in view of the fact that STELLOH is an ex-convict and of unsavory reputation.

[redacted] ownership of the Town and Country Tavern. He hopes to consummate purchase of [redacted] interest in the business in the near future. [redacted] moved out of [redacted]

[redacted] did not know if STELLOH is still employed on a construction job at the VA Hospital, Wood, Wisconsin and last knew of him living

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STELLOH still drives a late model, white Ford Thunderbird (license number Y73573, Wisconsin, 1963). [REDACTED] said he would notify the FBI if he learned of STELLOH's whereabouts in event he was found to be unavailable. He said he doesn't want anything to do with STELLOH and is disappointed in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] associating with STELLOH.

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[REDACTED] acknowledged that STELLOH resides there, was not home and his present whereabouts was unknown. [REDACTED] was abrupt and would not discuss STELLOH further.

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Negative efforts were made to locate [REDACTED] and/or STELLOH [REDACTED] where [REDACTED]

STELLOH's Ford Thunderbird was not located at any of the above-described places where efforts were made to locate him. A telephone call to telephone information, determined that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and the number was not available.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs JOSEPH W. KRIEFSKE and JOHN A. HOLTZMAN on June 14 and 15, 1963:

On June 14, 1963 no answer was received at 1315 North 59th Street to the doorbell either of STELLOH's apartment [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] No cars were in evidence at this place. Likewise STELLOH's car was not observed at 1012 South First Street at the Checker Cleaners operated by STEVE DE SALVO where STELLOH allegedly spends some time.

Contact was had with TONY SCALISE, Timekeeper for Merritt-Chapman and Scott, prime contractors for the construction of the new

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facilities at the Veterans' Administration Hospital, Woods, Wisconsin. SCALISE said that STELLOH had not worked since May 6 leaving without notice.

[] could furnish no information relative to STELLOH's whereabouts but did state that STELLOH was in Razio's Restaurant on Fifth Street on Monday, June 10 in company with FRANK BALISTRIERI and STEVE DE SALVO. Informant said that STELLOH is not employed at the present time because of back trouble which is an old physical ailment of his and he is believed to be under doctor's care, identity of the doctor unknown.

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On 6/15/63 an attempt was made to locate STELLOH at his residence early in the morning and it was noted that his car was not in evidence. The door was answered [] who stated that STELLOH was at the address on June 14 during the afternoon doing some painting but [] did not know where he spend the night as he did not come home and did not leave any information where STELLOH might be at the time of the interview. He said that STELLOH was not working at the present time as he was under the care of a physician, identity unknown. He promised to advise STELLOH to contact the office inasmuch as an interview with him is desired as soon as he heard from or located STELLOH. [] was somewhat hesitant to furnish information but not belligerent at any time.

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[] it was observed that STELLOH's car was not in evidence and contact was had [] who resides [] at this address. She was immediately belligerent and refused admission to agents and at first disclaimed knowledge of the identity of FRANK, when this name was mentioned to her and thereafter admitted knowing FRANK STELLOH but expressed indignation at the fact that the agents would inquire about her as to his whereabouts. She admitted that she had seen him on June 14 and when asked if he had been to her apartment answered by a knowing grin but no other acknowledgment.

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She disclaimed any information as to his activities, employment or where he might be located other than home but she did say in the course of questioning "maybe he went fishing with some friends." She immediately refused to elaborate on this statement and shortly thereafter again expressed indignation that she was being interviewed and terminated the interview by closing the door. She was advised, however, prior to this that she should notify STELLOH that we desired to talk to him. She apparently acknowledged yes by nodding her head but making no statement.

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Recontacts of Complainant WILLIAM
COVELLI and Interview of Mrs. WILLIAM COVELLI

On June 12, 1963 SAs [] ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND interviewed WILLIAM COVELLI, 7827 - 36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin, who advised that he forgot to report an incident which occurred on the evening of June 5, 1963, the day before he was allegedly abducted. While returning home on this date he observed a car with a narrow grill behind him at 60th Street and 22nd Avenue and subsequently observed a car with the same type of grill behind him on Roosevelt Road, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Upon arriving home about 9:20 or 9:30 p.m. on June 5, 1963 he picked up his wife and went for a ride to the Sharrfon Subdivision of Kenosha, Wisconsin, when both he and his wife thought they observed an automobile following. They made a U-turn on Sheridan Road and saw an automobile which they described as a blue Plymouth with Illinois license plates containing two men go down the street. This car proceeded approximately five blocks and then made a turn off Sheridan and they discounted anything connected with the car because it bore Illinois plates.

Mrs. WILLIAM COVELLI, 7827 - 36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin, on June 12, 1963 verified to SAs [] LE GRAND the statement made above by her husband.

On June 14, 1963 WILLIAM COVELLI advised SAs LE GRAND and RICHARD C. THOMPSON that he had no further information regarding his alleged abduction. Asked whether he would give a yes or no answer as to whether he would take a polygraph examination on the facts of the abduction, he said that he

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would not without the consent of his attorney. COVELLI also declined to answer any questions relative to the BIERNAT murder, although it was pointed out to him that his abduction was apparently related thereto.

COVELLI was noticeably nervous during the interview. He said, however, that he was not particularly apprehensive during the daytime but that the nights were bad.

COVELLI stated that one of the reasons why he did not wish to discuss the BIERNAT case was the fact that shortly after the body of BIERNAT was found he was interviewed by a member of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Office and thereafter his name was mentioned in the newspapers in connection with it. He was told that was a good reason for dealing face to face with the persons he talked with, that if he had nothing to hide, there was no reason why he could not discuss the matter with the Agents who would keep the matter confidential. On the other hand, his refusal to discuss the matter left an implication that he had something to hide. COVELLI stated that he did not want to discuss any matter without the presence of his attorney.

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Efforts of Attorney [redacted]
[redacted] To Use Local Authorities,
The Press and Public Officials To
Obtain Information and Publicity

On June 7, 1963 [redacted] WILLIAM COVELLI, informed SAC PAUL H. STODDARD and SAs RICHARD C. THOMPSON and ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND that about a month previously [redacted] had observed a car which was apparently used in a surveillance of WILLIAM COVELLI at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He said that [redacted] took the license number of this car which was Q-9131. He said he believed that this vehicle might be connected with the persons who abducted COVELLI and he, therefore, desired to know to whom the license was registered and particularly to know whether that license belonged to the FBI. [redacted] was informed that the COVELLI abduction would be investigated by the FBI but that the results of investigation would not be divulged to him.

On June 7, 1963, at the time he advised SAC PAUL H. STODDARD that his client WILLIAM COVELLI had been abducted on the previous night, [redacted] also stated to SAC STODDARD that he wanted to pick up [redacted] and have him present during the investigation of the COVELLI complaint. [redacted] is a detective of the Milwaukee Police Department detached from his department and assigned to the John Doe investigation being conducted in Milwaukee County. [redacted] was informed by SAC STODDARD that the FBI would conduct its own investigations and would interview COVELLI and that any business that [redacted] had [redacted] would have to be conducted separately. Thereafter the investigation went forward without [redacted]

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On June 10, 1963 [redacted] Milwaukee Sentinel, advised SA [redacted] that he had learned that attorney [redacted] had filed a complaint [redacted] John Doe Investigator. [redacted] said that [redacted] wrote up a complaint and gave it to Circuit Judge JOHN L. COFFEY, who is in charge of the John Doe proceedings. [redacted] said that COFFEY would have nothing to do with the complaint.

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On June 11, 1963 SA ALEXANDER D. MANSON, Madison RA, received a call from the Motor Vehicle Department, advising that inquiry had been made by the Detective Bureau of the Milwaukee Police Department concerning 1963 Wisconsin License Q-9131, which license is assigned to Milwaukee but registered under the fictitious name of JAMES HART of Fern, Wisconsin. Later on June 11, 1963 it was determined through Deputy Inspector [redacted] Milwaukee Police Department, that [redacted] had sent a teletype to the Motor Vehicle Department requesting the above registration.

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On June 11, 1963 [redacted] informed that [redacted] [redacted] said he learned from [redacted] a news item printed inferring that the car in which COVELLI was abducted bore a license number which [redacted] had in his possession (apparently Q-9131). [redacted] said that attorney [redacted] also planned to give a polygraph test secretly to COVELLI, the results to be furnished to the newspaper for publicity purposes. [redacted] said that [redacted] hoped to have news media make demands that Special Agents of the FBI be given lie detector tests. [redacted] said that [redacted] had mentioned the names of three

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FBI Agents [] which Agents had been engaged in the investigation of hoodlum matters and have interviewed hoodlums in the course of the BERNAT investigation.

[] further stated that [] the Sentinel had concluded that []

[] For this reason [] had decided not to publish anything further on the COVELLI abduction. [] also said that he considered [] and he stated he was not in a position to control [] said that he would be notified by the Sentinel of any articles prepared by any reporter on the COVELLI abduction and he would keep the Milwaukee Office advised.

On June 11, 1963 Circuit Judge JOHN L. COFFEY was contacted by SAs ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND and CHARLES F. AHERN in response to his request made to ASAC J. WALLACE LA PRADE. Judge COFFEY said that [] had been in touch with two John Doe investigators who had received some information which might be of value. Judge COFFEY identified the investigators as []

[] respectively, detached from the Milwaukee Police Department for work with the John Doe investigation. Judge COFFEY made available a memorandum dated June 7, 1963 which stated that at 4:30 a.m. on that date [] received a call from attorney [] who said that a client of his had been abducted and beaten in Kenosha by abductors who were supposed to be FBI Agents. [] that he was meeting SAC PAUL H. STODDARD of the FBI immediately. [] agreed to meet [] at 5:30 a.m. at a restaurant at 12th and State Streets. Later [] who appeared at the restaurant as scheduled, was

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informed by telephone [] that the FBI did not want [] along on the investigation and that [] was going to Kenosha with the FBI. [] said he wanted [] to know his whereabouts in case anything happened to him.

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A further memorandum addressed to Judge COFFEY [] under date of June 11, 1963 summarized [] contact with [] on June 10, 1963. []

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[] attorney [] was also present along with [] There was a discussion of COVELLI's abduction. [] expressed the opinion that the hoodlum element did not abduct COVELLI since he was not roughed up and no money was taken and the sole purpose of the abductors seemed to be to scare COVELLI into discussing the BERNAT case. [] questioned [] concerning the length of his acquaintance with COVELLI. [] said he had known COVELLI for five months but he didn't disclose how they met. [] told [] that COVELLI came to his office about six weeks ago to discuss a tax case, at which time he complained that he was tailed from Kenosha to Milwaukee and that the men surveilling him were then in the lobby of the building. At that point [] left the office and went downstairs to pick up some books from COVELLI's car. She observed the men in the building lobby. [] also told [] that COVELLI got the license number of the surveillance car as Q-9131 [] determined that it was issued to JAMES HART of Fern, Wisconsin. The above memorandum also stated that [] asked reporter [] to give a "fair shake" [] when she came up for trial. [] said that [] was his client and in his opinion she was getting too much notoriety. [] got the idea that [] took an undue interest in this girl. The memorandum also contained a statement that [] was not quite satisfied with the way the FBI was handling the COVELLI

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On June 12, 1963 SAs CARLYLE N. REED and CHARLES F. AHERN were conducting investigation in Kenosha when, at about 9:45 p.m., they passed by the home of WILLIAM COVELLI. It was observed that there were no lights on in the house and there was no evidence of a car being there so no attempt was made to contact anyone at that time. However, a Kenosha Police Department patrol car followed the Bureau car driven by the above Agents and stopped the Bureau car about two blocks from the COVELLI residence. Night Patrolman [REDACTED] asked for the Agent's identification and credentials and badges were displayed. Thereafter Patrolman [REDACTED] asked the Agents to accompany him to the Kenosha Police Department because it was necessary to establish beyond any doubt that the Agents were, in fact, the persons named in the credential cards. He said this was because of the COVELLI abduction. [REDACTED] said that COVELLI was getting police protection as a result of his abduction. After arrival at the Kenosha Police Department, [REDACTED] and Detective [REDACTED] stated that they wanted to know the identification of FBI cars in the area because of their duties in giving COVELLI police protection. They complained that in checking with the Motor Vehicle Department they had run into a problem with the identity of Wisconsin License Q-9131. They said that they would like to know if that car belonged to the FBI. They were advised that inquiry was being made in the matter.

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On June 13, 1963 Acting Chief of Police J. LEO BUCHMAN, Kenosha Police Department, advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS that the request made of Agents REED and AHERN on the previous night was

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unauthorized and he further stated that he understood the position of the FBI in matters such as this. He extended his apologies for the manner in which his officers had acted. //

On June 12, 1963, Milwaukee Sentinel reporter [] contacted ASAC J. WALLACE LA PRADE and asked for information concerning Wisconsin License Q-9131. [] was informed that the official position of the FBI was not to disclose facts concerning an investigation which was under way. [] then stated that [] is certain that the car bearing the above license is significant in the COVELLI abduction. [] said that the Kenosha Police Department was going to identify the registrant. It should be noted that [] contacted ASAC LA PRADE at 6:30 PM or about three hours prior to the time the Kenosha Police Department accosted SAs REED and AHERN, set forth above.

As the Bureau is aware, []

[] There has been no newspaper mention of this license number to date.

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KENOSHA POLICE DEPT. AND CRIMINAL CONDITIONS, KENOSHA

For a number of years, informants of the Milwaukee Office, located both in Milwaukee and Kenosha, have advised that the BALISTRIERI outfit operated a sizable crap game in Kenosha, which was run by JOHN C. RIZZO of Racine and WILLIAM COVELLI of Kenosha on their behalf. Along with this type information, informants also advised that [redacted] of the Kenosha PD [redacted] for Chief STANLEY HAUKE DAHL in collecting pay offs from this operation and other gambling operations in Kenosha.

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On 1/23/63, "The Milwaukee Journal" quoted Governor JOHN REYNOLDS of Wisconsin as declaring "that crime was festering in three areas of the State...and was routed in the cities of Milwaukee and Kenosha."

With the advent of the Bureau's investigation into the abduction and murder of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT in January, 1963, the following information was received apropos of this condition:

PCI [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI in Milwaukee, said that he is certain there is something wrong with the Kenosha PD based on the fact that gambling and prostitution are so flagrant and wide open. He mentioned specifically the above crap game of RIZZO and COVELLI and also specifically Dante's Bar and several houses of prostitution. He also pointed out that he had just heard that Chief HAUKE DAHL was a member and the president of a key club where gambling was carried on. (This is possibly FRANK TENUTO's Town House.)

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relative to sporting events were available. [] also said that it is a well known fact that Kenosha Police have orders "hands off" in respect to Dante's because of the long existing friendship between [] the PD.

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[] said that many Illinois gamblers known [] frequent [] card and crap games.

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On 5/15/63, [] upon interview, said that he had grown up with a number of the "West Side gang" in Kenosha and was good friends with many individuals of that group who were considered gamblers and hoodlums but that he saw no reason to break off his associations, and, in fact, thought they were beneficial to the PD.

He said that he had been introduced to JOSEPH GURERA and STEVE DE SALVO at Greco's Restaurant in November, 1962, and he had heard that GURERA and DE SALVO sometime in the same month had contacted ANTHONY BIERNAT. He said he did not believe that COVELLI was with them at that time but that he believed COVELLI saw BIERNAT a few hours earlier. He related that he had confronted COVELLI about the BIERNAT murder. COVELLI "swore on his father's grave that he knew nothing about it" and that he was afraid to talk to the FBI "because of the hoodlum element." On this occasion, [] said the only person in the Kenosha area he knew was controlled by the hoodlums was RIZZO and that although RIZZO and COVELLI had formerly run a crap game they were no longer partners.

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On 5/2/63, [] acknowledged that he had operated a crap game in Kenosha in the past but discontinued because he was not making a profit.

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As of April 19, 1963, [] said that RIZZO and COVELLI, whom he knew as long-time gamblers and alleged members of the BALISTRIERI outfit, were organizing Kenosha bookies with a view to reopening operations in Kenosha and that he personally had been approached on that line.

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From informants both in Milwaukee and Kenosha, it was known that gambling, except for small bookmaking, was closed down in Kenosha following the law enforcement heat brought about by the BERNAT abduction and murder and the killing of Chief HAUKEHAHL's secretary, DOROTHY BITAUTIS, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HAUKEHAHL resigned effective June 15, 1963, after approximately 60 days of his accumulated leave was used.

The shutdown of gambling in Kenosha seemed to date specifically from the meeting Chief HAUKEHAHL had with alleged gamblers on February 13, 1963.

On 4/6/63, Kenosha informant said that the uncertainty of the gamblers and the law enforcement pressure was heightened by HAUKEHAHL's stepping down and his replacement by Acting Chief LEO BUCHMANN whom they fear as absolutely unapproachable.

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On 6/11/63, Milwaukee County Judge COFFEY, 401 Milwaukee County Building, Milwaukee, called the Milwaukee Division to advise that two detectives who are working for the John Doe Grand Jury had been contacted by and that they had some information which would be of value to the FBI.

On the same date Agents of this office contacted Detectives investigators for the John Doe Grand Jury in Milwaukee. stated to Bureau Agents that believed that if the FBI or some other police agency was responsible for the kidnaping of COVELLI he could make a sizable recovery in a civil suit for damages, and stated that he would "make Lake County into a swimming pool and retire for the rest of his life."

In regard to Detectives advised that the Milwaukee Police Department Vice Squad had recently arrested Milwaukee Police Department who had in her possession a notebook containing the telephone numbers of numerous individuals, and also the names of four men who may be connected with Local 200 of the Teamsters Union with the notation, "Referred The notebook itself was not seen by the contacting Agents.

Detective advised that had requested a to give a fair shake when she comes up for trial. acknowledged that was his client and in opinion she was receiving too much notoriety. In Detective

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On 6/12/63, _____ Milwaukee Police Department
Vice Squad, advised that on 3/27/63, he had received an
anonymous telephone call that a _____ was
soliciting for prostitution at _____ Milwaukee.
_____ dispatched Detectives _____

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_____ in response to the complaint. _____
advised that Detective _____ was let into this apartment
by a white female who answered to the name _____. After some
conversation _____ was taken into a bedroom where she began
to undress and when completely nude she asked the officer for
\$20 for the purpose of sexual intercourse and sexual perversion.
The officers placed _____ under arrest for prostitution
and during a search incidental to arrest took an address book
belonging to the prostitute. _____ furnished Bureau
Agents the address book taken from the prostitute, which address
book is the property of the Milwaukee Police Department under
Property Inventory #127517.

Upon inspection of the address book it was determined the book
reflects there are 31 names recorded, six of which had
inscribed below, "Referred _____ or "Referred _____
Three of the persons referred _____ have been identified
and are _____ who is a Wisconsin attorney who has
his office _____, who is

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_____ Teamsters Union; and _____
at Alioto's Restaurant, Route 100, Milwaukee. Many of the other
31 names listed have been identified as tricks, madams and pimps
in the Milwaukee area.

_____ advised that he did not personally inspect this
notebook when it was obtained as evidence and therefore was not
cognizant of the fact that _____ name was in the notebook.

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[] advised that if any information were obtained by the FBI which would indicate that [] was a panderer, he would appreciate being notified of this fact and would at once institute a most vigorous investigation to obtain state process against []

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On 6/12/63, Detective [] Milwaukee Police Department Special Investigative Squad, made available the files of his squad to Bureau Agents. They reflected the following information pertaining to []

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On April 6, 1962, members of the Special Squad observed [] sitting in STEVE DE SALVO's 1961 white Pontiac fordor hardtop, 1963 Wisconsin License A75-995, which was parked across the street from Gallagher's Restaurant, 829 North 3rd Street. In the same automobile [] were STEVE DE SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE, JOE GURERA and FRANK BALISTRIERI. They drove to [] Milwaukee and entered that building, which is owned by [] They stayed in the building fifteen minutes and returned to Gallagher's where [] got out and entered a white top and yellow bottom 1954 Chrysler fordor sedan, 1962 Wisconsin plates Q95-67 (This automobile is listed to HENRY SHELOW, 817 East Glendale Avenue, Milwaukee, [] returned to 1833 North Prospect Avenue and got out of the automobile, at which time officers of the Special Investigative Squad interrogated him. [] stated that he was an attorney and the automobile he was driving belonged to [] also owned the apartment house [] said he had his business office [] Milwaukee.

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A Special Investigative Squad informant advised on April 6, 1962, that []

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[redacted] the Teamsters Union Local 200.

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On Tuesday, July 10, 1962, at 10:45 PM a routine check at Gallagher's Nightclub, 829 North 3rd Street, was made by the Special Investigative Squad and [redacted] was at a table with JOSEPH FRANK GURERA and JOSEPH BALISTRERI (son of FRANK). [redacted] left at 11:30 PM, got into a 1962 white Chevrolet with Illinois License [redacted] and then was stopped and interrogated by the Special Investigative Squad on North 3rd Street in Milwaukee. [redacted] stated to the Special Investigative Squad that [redacted] was the person who originated the first police training program in Milwaukee. He said that he was an attorney and accountant in Milwaukee and also has an office in Chicago, Illinois. He said that he rents automobiles from the Executive Auto Lease in Chicago and that is why he is driving an automobile with Illinois license. [redacted] stated that he dislikes being bothered with insurance and repairs on an automobile so he leases from this company. During the interview [redacted] appeared to be exceptionally nervous. After the interview the Special Investigative Squad made the following notes in the file: "Our interview closed and when we returned to the front of Gallagher's we noticed [redacted] car parked in front. [redacted] wasted no time in returning to Gallagher's. What connection [redacted] has with GURERA and BALISTRERI is not known at the present time. We also don't know why he appeared to be so nervous, both on the street and in Gallagher's and why he returned to Gallagher's so fast."

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On September 18, 1962, members of the Special Investigative Squad again stopped and interrogated [redacted] at which time [redacted] was driving a 1961 Chevrolet, Illinois plates [redacted] stated that the car was leased from the Executive Auto Rental Company, 6501 North Western, Chicago.

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The files of the Special Investigative Squad reflect the following newspaper clippings from the "Milwaukee Journal" pertaining to [redacted]

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The "Milwaukee Journal" for September 28, 1962, states that a speeding ticket was issued January 21, 1962, to Attorney [redacted] and was released and later reinstated. Police Chief HOWARD O. JOHNSON said he ordered [redacted] to investigate to determine whether the particular zone where [redacted] was stopped was properly marked. [redacted] thought the Chief said release the ticket. Patrolman [redacted] 6th Police District, ticketed [redacted] for driving 59 MPH on South 27th Street. [redacted] had previously written a letter of protest to the Fire and Police Commission pertaining to the promotion [redacted] of the Milwaukee Police Department Special Investigative Squad. [redacted] stated that the Special Squad was "picking on" FRANK BALISTRIERI

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An editorial in the "Milwaukee Journal" stated that [redacted] dismissed a speeding ticket issued July 21, 1962, to attorney [redacted] because the arrest took place in a location not covered by the city speeding ordinances. The Milwaukee Police Department sought a state warrant which was denied by District Attorney BEN WEINER because "the matter was dragged out toolong already."

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The "Milwaukee Journal" for 10/25/62. states that Judge JOHN E. KRUEGER ordered a hearing on [redacted] speeding case and [redacted] told the Judge that Chief JOHNSON told him, "If ever I can do something for you, let me know." [redacted] said he left the speeding ticket with the Chief with the understanding that he would take care of it.

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In the "Milwaukee Journal" for 12/4/62, an article appeared reflecting a raid by Federal agents of the Internal Revenue Service at [redacted] apartment, [redacted] Milwaukee. [redacted] for FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI. The article stated that [redacted] arrived at the apartment while the raid was in progress, but was excluded from the apartment.

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On 6/12/62, the records of the Milwaukee Police Department Bureau of Identification were searched by Clerk [redacted]. They reflected the following information pertaining to [redacted]

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In addition to other pertinent information the files of the Milwaukee Police Department Bureau of Identification reflect that [redacted] real name was [redacted] FBI [redacted] Originally she was a resident of [redacted] Minnesota, and she has been arrested by burglary, prostitution, and lewd and lascivious cohabitation.

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[redacted] Milwaukee Police Department Vice Squad, was recontacted on June 13, 1963, and stated he believed this prostitute named [redacted] had only recently arrived in Milwaukee and that she originally came from Chicago.

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[redacted] John Doe investigator, advised on 6/13/63, that [redacted] had told him that he had put this prostitute, [redacted] in an apartment building on North Prospect Avenue which building he controls.

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On 6/13/63, [redacted] advised Bureau Agents that he had been instructed [redacted] he was not to give any information to the FBI or Milwaukee Police Department or any other law enforcement agency, and to give as little cooperation as possible to these agencies. [redacted] refused to advise Agents of the names of the tenants [redacted]

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Investigation [redacted] failed to reveal that [redacted] was living at that address

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On 6/14/63, AUSA [REDACTED] EDW, confidentially
advised this office that [REDACTED]

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On 6/14/63 this informant advised that he had been in a conversation with FRANCIS STELLOH and BEN DE SALVO, both local hoodlums, on Wednesday, June 12, 1963. He stated that among the subjects they discussed was the alleged abduction of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI by FBI agents.

He stated that both of these individuals expressed the opinion that they did not believe the FBI was responsible for this and that they further stated that they believed COVELLI probably perpetrated this abduction himself in order to take the pressure off him. He advised that COVELLI knew that he was under intense pressure by the FBI with regard to the abduction and murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT and that COVELLI may have received some information to the effect that the FBI was getting close to solving BIERNAT's murder and felt he was about to be picked up and questioned again about this crime. He further stated that COVELLI may have felt that by perpetrating this abduction himself he could gain public sympathy and thereby take some of the pressure off him. He advised that this seems to be the general observations among other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area.

The informant stated that the hoodlum element who have been under considerable pressure by the FBI and other law enforcement agencies since BIERNAT's abduction and murder are quite concerned right now about this new incident since the FBI is now going around again re-interviewing all of the hoodlums and applying additional pressure. He stated that they had hoped that the pressure which had been applied as a result of the BIERNAT murder would soon let up and that they could again start to operate in their old ways but added that this recent COVELLI incident has opened up that "old wound" and they don't like it. He advised that if COVELLI did perpetrate this abduction the syndicate might take some action against him for bringing about this additional pressure which they had hoped would let up.

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Informant stated that [redacted] is an egotist and loves publicity. He further stated that he would not be surprised if [redacted] had a hand in setting up this abduction for COVELLI in order to get publicity for himself, sympathy for COVELLI, and to embarrass the FBI.

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On 6/8/63 [redacted] PCI, advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] that WILLIAM COVELLI, AL ALBANA, and [redacted] are scared of something that recently happened in Kenosha and that [redacted] Kenosha PD, was involved or knew of the particular event. She also stated that on 6/7/63 [redacted] was talking with [redacted] LOUIE GRECO, and they were talking about [redacted] and made the remark that it wouldn't only be [redacted] job but thirty years in jail also. She also thought it pertinent that they talked in Italian and that they only did this when the conversation concerned a matter that wasn't meant to be overheard by "outsiders" meaning those not belonging to the so-called "West Side gang."

✓ Informant stated that [redacted] WILLIAM COVELLI, AL ALBANA, [redacted] and three detectives from the Kenosha PD, were in Greco's Restaurant talking and then they all went next door into the Kenosha Vending building and ✓ apparently had a long discussion as they were in the Kenosha Vending office a considerable time.

Informant stated that she has no personal knowledge as to who could have abducted COVELLI and that COVELLI, ALBANA, and the GRECOs have not ventured any opinions to her.

Informant stated that COVELLI was staying close to the Kenosha area and has been pressing informant for names of Bureau Agents who have contacted her on the BERNAT investigation and also for license numbers and identity of any Bureau cars that she has observed.

Informant also advised that [redacted] who is WILLIAM COVELLI's [redacted] is [redacted] the Kenosha Telephone Company and that investigating agents would not receive any cooperation from him so far as the West Side gang in Kenosha was concerned.

Informant stated that JOE "PEPPY" MARIGRANO, Kenosha Schlitz representative and officer of the American State Bank, Kenosha,

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Wis. was the financial backer of 60 or 70 taverns in Kenosha. She stated that PEPPY used to push ANTHONY BIERNAT's jukeboxes whenever a new tavern was opened in his area. As a result of this backing of BIERNAT friction developed with the West Side gang and COVELLI became quite upset. This friction is not new between MARIGRANO and COVELLI as it is alleged to date back to "RED" COVELLI, WILLIAM COVELLI's Father, who was the victim of a gangland slaying in Kenosha sometime back. Currently the West Side gang is pushing [redacted] and his wholesale beverage company located on 56th Street adjacent to Greco's Restaurant and the Kenosha Vending Company warehouse.

On 6/12/63 [redacted] PCI, contacted by SAs [redacted] [redacted] advised that she does not know anything about what happened to COVELLI and has not been on the West Side near Greco's Restaurant since late winter.

She stated that she has no knowledge of what happened other than what she has read in the local newspapers.

Informant stated that she is afraid to go near the West Side and as a result she has had no connection with COVELLI, ALBANA, [redacted] or anyone else.

Informant was of the opinion that COVELLI pulled it off himself just to take the heat off of himself and others as a result of the BIERNAT murder in January.

On 6/12/63 [redacted] PCI, advised SAs [redacted] [redacted] that she has overheard two separate conversations between Italians in Kenosha and they stated that they thought it was part of the Chicago mob that had abducted COVELLI and that they were testing COVELLI's ability to hold up under pressure. These individuals also stated that if COVELLI had talked they would have left him right at the BIERNAT grave site.

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Enclosed herewith are two copies of an editorial from the 6/14/63 issue of the Kenosha (Wis.) News which points out that it is preposterous to think that any law enforcement agency would be behind COVELLI's alleged abduction. The editorial closes with the following, "Put your faith in law enforcement and due process of law, which is where it belongs during the long investigation which could solve the BERNAT killing."

LEADSCHICAGO DIVISIONAt Chicago, Illinois:

1. Will, at the Executive Auto Lease Company, 6501 Northwestern Avenue, determine to whom cars were rented or released during the five days prior to COVELLI's abduction on 6/6/63; will also determine what rental or lease agreements [redacted] of Milwaukee has and has had with this concern, checking for the past two years if records are available.
2. Will interview selected hoodlums concerning the COVELLI abduction in view of information that the abduction car bore Illinois license plates and in view of information that the gamblers in northern Illinois are angry at the Kenosha crowd because of the official heat generated by the BERNAT murder which has allegedly curtailed the gambling business.
3. Will interview selected criminal intelligence informants for information on the COVELLI abduction including the persons involved, the cause, and the consequences.
4. Will immediately inform Milwaukee if any highly confidential sources furnish information in this matter; will furnish such information immediately and on a continuing basis.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISIONAt Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

1. Consideration has been given to requesting Bureau permission to utilize highly confidential sources on [REDACTED] COVELLI; however, with prosecutive potentials and contemplated Grand Jury action in view this is being deferred.

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2. Milwaukee will bring up to date the investigation on all hoodlums on which cases are pending; emphasize developing prosecutive potentials, and preparing material for utilization by the Grand Jury which will involve in some instances additional interviews with these hoodlums.

3. Milwaukee will do extensive investigation into background and activities of [REDACTED] including checking bank accounts and Government service record, developing any prosecutable violation involving [REDACTED] or any other Federal violation such as income tax matters. Will also attempt to develop any local or state violations [REDACTED] as well as exploring possibilities of his disbarment for unethical practices.

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4. Will interview JOHN C. RIZZO who by telephone stated that he would appear at the Milwaukee Office by appointment during the coming week.

5. Will locate and interview [REDACTED] who has been absent from his home.

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6. Will continue to maintain close contact with all logical informants relative to this matter.

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Rely on the due process of law

Restlessness with things as they are is understandable in a period such as the present.

The community has on its hands an unsolved abduction-murder of a reputable citizen, plus a report of another kidnaping linked to the first.

These circumstances hardly encourage anything but a feeling of public alarm.

The FBI has absolutely denied the report it was involved in the second kidnaping and questioning of a Kenoshan.

Common sense tells us it is preposterous that any law enforcement agency would be behind such action. How far does intimidation go in any court? No place.

If the second kidnaping were the work of a citizen vigilante group, then, too, the due process of law is defeated.

Kenoshans must concentrate on the knowledge that the Department of Justice and the police and sheriff departments are working in concert toward the solution of the Anthony Biernat murder, and also toward the solution of the William Covell snatch. It's no secret that the investigation is being vigorously pursued by all law enforcement agencies.

The community has achieved considerable notoriety, but one must consider that the heat's on crime and corruption in both Milwaukee and Chicago and that both these towns like nothing better than to switch the spotlight to Kenosha.

Put your faith in law enforcement and due process of law, which is where it belongs during the long investigation which could solve the Biernat killing.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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